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ANOTHER MOLOTOV SURPRISE FOR 'FRISCO

Advocacy For India Stupefies Eden

Delegates, Public And Press Galleries Break Into Prolonged Applause

FROM S. A. SABAVALA
"Chronicle Special Representative
MONTREAL, May 1.

Amidst thunderous applause, Comrade Molotov expressed fervent hope that the voice of a Free India would soon be heard among Council Tables in the world.

The bombshell burst when the Soviet Ambassador got up to ask for more time to discuss the situation arising out of the paradox that Argentina should be included in the Conference. He said: "The Soviet is fully aware that the Indian Delegation here, does not represent a free sovereign nation. In spite of this, and as in the case of the Philippine's Delegation, we are more than ready to meet Britain and the United States half-way. How can we include Argentina into our midst and exclude Poland?"

Prolonged Applause

It was really amusing to watch the reactions to this momentous announcement. Mr. Eden, who was the chairman of the day, looked on stupefied as press galleries, public galleries and delegates themselves broke into prolonged applause. This day, at long last, we have found a champion among sponsoring Powers—a champion who is not afraid to speak out, come what may.

The United Press of America adds:

Russia does not maintain diplomatic relations with some of the nations represented here, M. Molotov noted, "but, in the interest of harmonious relations, we did not object to their being invited."

India Must Be In Security Council

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1. (Reuter): Count Coudehove Kalergi, the President of the Pan-American Union made an earnest plea for representation of India on the United Nations Security Council in an interview to "Reuter" to-day. Count Kalergi who is attending the Conference as a representative of the important and influential Pan-American Union told me "The world is being organised into six regions—each of them crystallised around its biggest state.

"Five of these regions already have their chosen representatives as permanent member. security council, Pan-American Group has the United States: The Emire has Great Britain: Russian Republics has the Soviet Union: Europe has France and the Far East has China. "India which is one of the world's most important nations also ought to be represented permanently on the security council. There are already spokesmen for the Far East and the British Commonwealth. Therefore it seems to me that the logical choice would be for India to speak as leading nation for interests of Middle East, and Middle East, I classify as from Afghanistan to Egypt and Ethiopia. Both culturally and politically I believe that India is closely tied up with the nations situated around the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean. but of course India can only achieve this leading position when she is given complete independence as promised in the Cripps' Offer.

Noon's Anti-Gandhi Campaign

Sir Firoze Khan Noon's recent radio broadcast, in which he attacked Gandhi's Congress Party as sabotaging the Allied war effort, is causing great concern among Indian Nationalist circles.

There has been a big demand to schedule a broadcast over the same station for a Nationalist representative—preferably Mrs. Pandit—to present their views

The Nationalists originally had three broadcast scheduled for Mrs. Pandit, but cancelled them because they conflicted with her best press conference dates.

The Nationalists were particular upset by Sir F. Noon's statement that "it is really shocking that a claim should be put forward by those people, who are the agents of Gandhi's party in this country, that they should be represented at the Conference."

Sir F. Noon claimed that while the Japanese were overrunning Burma and heading towards India, the agents of Gandhi's party severely damaged or destroyed 332 railway stations and 945 post offices. He also alleged that Gandhiji himself, encouraged disobedience because "he was convinced that Britain had been defeated and he didn't want to displease the Japanese."

Sir F. Noon today was the honoured guest of the University of California faculty members, with whom he discussed India's agricultural problems.

Mrs. Pandit's Memorandum On India

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30 (U. P. A.): Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit remained secluded in her apartment today drafting a memorial which will be submitted directly to each official delegate.

Intimates said the memorial would probably agree on the broad objectives of the Conference, but would contain a warning against any attempt to build the peace structure on

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MUSSOLINI'S LAST

DEATH OF A DICTATOR
The dead body of Benito Mussolini, Italian Premier, who led Italy to disaster, lies in Milan's Piazzo Loreto, as crowds of Milanese surge past. Mussolini was executed by a firing squad after a brief trial, the first to be held by the People's Court. Next to him lies the body of his mistress, Clara Petacci, another of the 17 Fascists executed with Mussolini. The bodies lay on the same spot where recently 15 Italian patriots were killed for anti-Fascist, anti-Nazi activities in North Italy.—USOWI RADIOPHOTO.

NEW CAPITULATION OFFER FROM HIMMLER

Situation Too Delicate And Critical, Says "Peace Count"

STOCKHOLM, May 1. (Reuter): The Swedish radio said today that Count Bernadotte brought a new capitulation offer from Himmler when he returned to Sweden from Copenhagen today.

Molotov To Return To Moscow?

SAN FRANCISCO May 1. (Reuter): The Soviet Foreign Commissar M. Molotov informed the American Secretary of State, Mr. Steatinius, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden and the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Soong at a meeting late last night that he would like to return to Moscow at the end of this week or the beginning of the next week in view of the war situation, I am authoritatively informed today, says Paul Scott Rankine Reuter's special correspondent.

John Amery Interviewed In Jail

MILAN, May 1 (Reuter): John Amery, pro-Axis broadcaster and son of Mr. L. S. Amery the Secretary of State for India, told me when I interviewed him in San Vittore gaol here today that he was interested in Italian internal politics and had been completely inactive since he arrived from Germany on March 23, cabled Reuter's special correspondent.

Mr. Amery and his wife were captured while driving from Milan to Como on the Swiss Frontier on April 25.

Fascist Prisoners' Revolt

ROME, (Tuesday). (Reuter): It was disclosed to-day that 500 prisoners including Nazi Storm Troopers and Fascists held at Fort Boccea outside Rome revolted yesterday. The revolt is still unquelled.

Count Bernadotte arrived in Malmoe in Sweden by air from Copenhagen today.

One report here says that Count Bernadotte has informed King Christian of Denmark of German evacuation terms.

The Swedish radio, however, denied reports of German evacuation of Denmark and return to normal constitutional conditions.

"It is expected that the question of German troops in Denmark, which forms part of the general negotiation for surrender, will soon become topical" the radio added.

"TOO DELICATE & CRITICAL"

LONDON May 1. (Reuter): Swedish officials tonight lamped down on the news of German surrender moves as a welter of rumours swept Stockholm.

The report that the Count had in his pocket a new capitulation offer from Himmler was formally denied by the Swedish Foreign Office within an hour of having been broadcast by the usually well-informed Swedish radio. Since then no further information has been forthcoming from the Swedish Foreign Office. Count Bernadotte himself refused all comment saying that the situation was too delicate and critical.

BERNADOTTE DENIES RUMOUR.

STOCKHOLM. May 1, (Reuter): Count Bernadotte stated at a press conference to-day: "I have not seen Himmler during my last visit to Germany and Denmark I have not forwarded any message from Himmler or other authoritative German to the Allies" During his latest visits to Copenhagen, from which he returned to-day Count Bernadotte met Werner Best, the German Minister to Denmark.

STOP PRESS

HITLER DEAD

May 1, (Reuter)

THE GERMAN RADIO REPORTS THAT HITLER DIED THIS AFTERNOON.

The German Radio said that the former Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, Admiral Doenitz is his successor.

Admiral Doenitz, speaking over the Radio later, said: "The Feuhrer has fallen at his Command Post. My first task is to save the German people from destruction by Bolshevism. If only for this, the struggle will continue."

ANZACS' LINK UP WITH TITO'S ARMY.

ALLIED H. Q. MEDITERRANEAN, May 1. (Reuter): New Zealand troops to-day linked up with Marshal Tito's army.

No details of the link up are yet available.

BRONDENBURG CAPTURED.

Moscow, May 1, (Reuter): Marshal Stalin in a second order to-night announced that Marshal Zhukov's forces have captured Brandenburg which is the capital of the province of the same name.

WAVELL RUMOURS "NONSENSE"

"Talks Still Confidential" Whitehall Reaction

LONDON, May 1. (Globe): "Sheer nonsense". In these words Whitehall disposes of reports that Lord Wavell had contemplated resignation and had deferred his return to India in the hope of a last-minute change of heart on the part of Mr. Amery.

Apart from this terse comment, Whitehall remains reserved in its attitude toward the Wavell discussions. Its attitude throughout has been: "Lord Wavell is visiting the United Kingdom for confidential discussions with Mr. Amery and the Cabinet; the talks are still confidential."

Extra 'Victory' Newsprint Quota

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, May 1.

All newspapers in India have been allotted extra newsprint quota to enable them to bring out special Victory supplements.

BIG FIVE TO MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday. (Reuter): A meeting of the Big Five Powers—Britain, United States, Russia, China and France—has been called for Thursday evening to consider the question of "trusteeships" relating to colonial territories previously under Axis control.

The American position was explained at a meeting with representatives of the other four Powers last night.

CAPTURE OF MUNICH

SEVENTH UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS, April 30. (Reuter): Munich, the cradle of the Nazi Party, has been captured. It was finally taken by the Third Division of the Seventh United States Army.

The capital of Bavaria and Germany's fourth city Munich was the capital also of the Nazi movement. In July 1921, Hitler was here elected the Party's chairman in January 1923 the first great party rally was held in Munich and in November of the same year Hitler here staged his abortive "putsch".

Russians Capture Reichstag

MOSCOW, April 30. (Reuter): The Russians continuing their battle for Berlin have captured the Reichstag, says to-night's Soviet "communique".

The Soviet banner of victory now flies on this historic building put up at the end of the last century as the seat of the German Parliament.

Two Field Marshals Captured

SHAEF, PARIS, May 1. (Reuter): Field Marshals Sigmund List and Wilhelm Ritter von Leeb have been captured by the United States Seventh Army.

Field Marshal List was found by the Tenth Armoured Division at his home at Partenkirchen. He was wearing civilian clothes and stated that he was relieved of his command in 1942 when he refused to lead suicide attack on Stalingrad.

Field Marshal Leeb was taken by the 44th Infantry Division near Fuessen while digging in his garden.

MEHTAB RELEASED

CUTTACK, May 1 (A.P.I.): Mr. Harekrishna Mehtab, former member of the Congress Working Committee, who as recently detained in Sambalpur jail, was released unconditionally today.

The decision, says a press note has been taken in the consultation with the Government of India.

"A Few Hours More"

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter): With the Soviet Flag flying from the Reichstag Marshal Stalin declared in an Eve of May Day Order addressed to the fighters and workers of Russia "collapse of Hitlerite Germany is a matter of the nearest future."

Hamburg radio speaker echoed:

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Horthy In Custody

With the United States Seventh Army, May 1 (Reuter): It was announced today that the former regent of Hungary, Admiral Horthy has been taken into protective custody with his family by American troops who found them in the castle in Wellheim in Bavaria.

Lord Chancellor's "No" To Bengal Govt.

LONDON, April 30 (U.P.A.): The case of the Bengal Government versus Sibnath Banerji and other detained Congress Party members drew nearer a close this afternoon as the Lord Chancellor observed on behalf if his colleagues that the appeal of the Bengal Government in respect to Banerji, Nonigopal Majimdar and others would not be allowed.

Argument regarding the remaining prisoners proceeded. Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C. assisted by Sir V. K. Krishna Menon, made the most strongly worded observations concerning the Bengal Government's action in these cases.

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French Government's Stuttgart Bombshell

Does It Indicate Rift In Allied Ranks? Emotionalism At Fever Pitch In Europe

FROM D. F. KARAKA, "Chronicle" War Correspondent
SHAEF, May 1.

While men who have led the Allies to victory are great in stature and have practised team spirit which is the secret of winning the war, it is to be seen whether the same team spirit will continue in winning the peace. The French bombshell from De Gaulle's Government regarding Stuttgart wherein it was said that French troops would hold whatever territory they had captured pending the French sphere of occupation, sounded a discordant note.

While the best SHAEF tuners are trying to put right this lost chord, there is still no clarification about how things stand in terms of Stuttgart.

Meanwhile, Allied war correspondents are unable to cross into the Russian sphere of Occupied Germany Boundaries, spheres and lines of demarkation—all those which brought about so much trouble in the past—are reappearing on the surface though in small matters but, never

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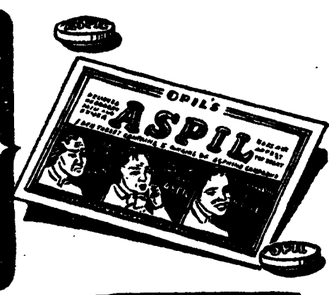

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"I Will Give You An Empire"

Mussolini's Last Promise Before Facing Firing Squad

MILAN, May 1 (Reuter): This is stranger than the fiction story of Mussolini's last hours, cables Cecil Sprigge.

Mussolini was recognised near the village of Dongo not far from Como by a Commissar of the 52nd Communist Garibaldi brigade while frantically seeking an escape route. Mussolini was wearing a German military greatcoat which he hoped would help him in crossing the Swiss frontier. Members of his "Cabinet" were with him.

The news of Mussolini's capture spread like wild fire and requests for his extradition were received from a number of countries including Yugoslavia. The partisans however decided on summary justice—against the express orders of the Liberation Committees in Rome and Milan.

After a ten minute trial at Giuliano di Mezzegra near Como, Mussolini was sentenced to death. It was at 4-10 p.m. on April 28 that a firing squad of fifteen men of the Garibaldi Division commanded by the Communist Colonel Moscatelli ended Mussolini's life.

Mussolini was wearing a shirt, officers trousers and jackboots.

MISTRESS KEEPS COMPANY

Accompanied by Petacci his mistress he was led to a wall behind the villa. Far thinner than in his heyday, deadly, weary looking but erect and unwavering, he walked to the place of execution followed by Petacci.

She was wearing a simple dark brown silk dress. Tears came to her eyes when she saw the "death squad"—the rough looking partisans with red neckties and Tommyguns. She quickly regained her composure. Mussolini turned and smiled to her.

Scarcely had both reached the wall when order "fire" rang out and the bodies riddled through the backs sank to the ground. Soon after the corpses were taken by car to Milan.

On Sunday evening I saw Marshal Graziani, Commander-in-Chief of the Fascist Armed Forces, in a room in a Milan hotel where he was imprisoned. He had been brought from Como in the afternoon pending decision whether he should remain in Partisan hands or be handed over to the Americans. Graziani was uncowed and defiant. He refused to speak. His warders told me that he hoped to be handed over to Americans.

MUSSO'S WIFE INTERNED

I also saw Donna Rachelle Mussolini who after her arrest was taken to a villa in Como where she was well-treated but kept under guard. When arrested during an attempt to escape to Germany, she had with her large quantities of luggage of furs and suitcase packed with jewels estimated to be worth 20,000,000 lire. The suitcase looked like a pirate's treasure chest. I asked her whether she wanted anything. In a calm resigned voice she replied "No, thank you."

Her lawyer, Rassi, Chief of the Como Police, told me "I feared, she would be lynched by the large forces of Partisans in the town so I asked the Americans for a strong escort for her removal to the San Donnino prison.

"The Americans, however, did not desire to interfere in police matters and refused, but placed a number of tanks a few hundred yards from the prison.

In Villa Matero where Mussolini had stayed another jewel filled suitcase was found. Among priceless diamonds and other gems I saw "Collar Dell Apostrophe Annunziata", and "Etoile de Chevalier de la Couronne D'italie" given to the Duce by King Victor Emmanuel.

The Milan edition of the Communist newspaper, "Unita", today in a story from an anonymous Partisan, who says he participated in the execution of Mussolini, describes how Mussolini stood with his eyes bulging and his lower lip trembling when the partisans entered his room. According to this version Mussolini was told he was about to be liberated and after some discussion he appeared to believe he was once again being rescued. When he reached the open air he appeared to be really convinced and exclaimed: "I will give you an empire".

"Germany Has Lost War"

Scharping Tells People The Truth For First Time

LONDON, April 30 (Reuter). For the first time the German people have today been told that Germany has lost the war.

Doctor Scharping, former Berlin Radio Commentator, who had often preached resistance to the last and certainty of Germany's final triumph, tonight broadcast over the Hamburg radio, the only remaining powerful transmitter of the German radio network the message of their doom to the German people.

The war is racing towards its end and this end may come tomorrow" he said. "Hundreds of thousands, nay millions of German children and German women will be standing in their windows looking out into empty streets for the return of father and husband. But they will never come back.

"Now we are taking leave of this eerie trek of fallen heroes who march to mount guard for a better future of Germany."

'IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE'!

German Torture Camp For Creation Of Superman

Was Hitler trying experiments for the creation of the superman at the Alsatian prisoners' camp of Struthof? asks a correspondent of the "Le Figaro" after a visit to what was the most refined of torture prisons set up by the Germans.

In a corner of a large room there is still to be seen says the correspondent, heaps of hair with pieces of scalp adhering. What happened is easy to guess. Experiments in the examination of the brain, research work on the brain centres controlling different parts of the body were made here. The names of the German surgeon and his two assistants are known and no doubt figure on the list of war criminals. Hitler in "Mein Kampf" had said, "We shall be inhuman." This prison camp proves it.

A small room with whitewashed walls and no window carries in one side an unbreakable glass spy-hole. Through holes in the close-fitting door lethal gas was pumped. Its effects on the victims could be watched through the spy-hole. A lift could carry seven bodies at a time to a crematorium shaft. Another room has a stone table, with slanting grooves for running off blood.

Files left by the Germans contain reports on some 20,000 deaths which took place in the camp of Struthof in a period of two years.

AUSTRALIAN MEMORIAL FOR ROOSEVELT

Commonwealth Govt. To Meet Full Cost

CANBERRA, April 30 (Reuter): The Commonwealth Cabinet has decided that there should be an Australian Memorial to the late President Roosevelt, the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley said to-day. The cost will be borne by the Commonwealth Government.

It is authoritatively learned that it may be a infantile paralysis clinic, a library for American literature, or interchangeable scholarships for American and Australian students.

Dr. B. C. Roy has donated Rs. 6,000 to the Royal Asiatic Society for collection of rare manuscripts of the Buddhist period.

DE GAULLE GOVERNMENT STUTTGART BOMBSHELL

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theless, reappearing too soon while the war is still not over.

Meanwhile, like England France too appears to be swinging left. An early counting at the general elections indicated gains by Leftist elements everywhere. In Paris out of a total of 26,000 votes counted, over 11,800 were cast for the Communists. Although this is not representative of France as a whole, the communist accession of strength in the capital shows a trend of thought distinctly turning Leftist. French political thought which, in my opinion generally vague and nebulous, is nevertheless more leftist than in 1936.

The resistance candidates have gained a general popular support everywhere as emotionalism is generally at fever pitch everywhere in Europe today. In other places in Europe there are signs of hysteria.

While holding no brief for Mussolini one can hardly regard the attitude of those who are reported to have trampled on and spat on his dead body as exactly dignified for the people celebrating their first hour of liberty. Fickleness of Italian public opinion generally is becoming apparent. It is unbelievable that the former Duce whom Italians themselves hailed as a new Messiah, even so recently as the Ethiopian campaign, should lie on a Milan sidewalk and die the death of a street dog.

It is true that Mussolini was a despicable failure, but those same people who spat on him as he lay dead would have behaved differently had the tide of the war been in Italy's favour. There is little hope for Europe if it begins so early to lose its dignity and if occupational air forces have to be retained to maintain people at peace.

Perhaps now more than ever the world will feel the loss of President Roosevelt who alone always maintained his dignity and who alone held the torch of hope for Europe.

Spaatz Advocates Air Vigil Over Europe

SHAEF, April 30.

The remarks made by four-star General Carl A. Spaatz, Commanding General, U. S. Strategic Air Forces, at a Press conference at SHAEF today indicate the shape of things to come. After the defeat of Germany, he said, there would be retained a "strong" air force based on the Continent called the "occupational air force", consisting of bombers and fighters. Heavy bombers would also be included, adequate to perform the task.

Amplifying what he considered adequate and strong, General Spaatz made 'off the record' remarks, but it was clear that his conception of the American air power in future was on a solid conservative basis. Asked if it would necessitate the maintenance of aircraft production to keep up this occupational air force, General Spaatz said that at present they would draw on the material available, but much would depend on America's commitments and the period of occupation. There would be a transference of the air force from Europe to the Pacific when the European war is over.

Characteristically, he remarked in answer to a question whether we had seen the last of the heavies: "We have only seen the beginning of the heavies". The American air force would obviously not be the only air force in Europe for occupational purposes. There would be British, Russian and French also. He admitted that the problem of keeping the occupational air force in training and winning of war practice presented a problem. The scheme for rotation of the personnel was under consideration. General Spaatz was one of the earliest advocates of daylight bombing of specific targets in the days when there was a strong difference of opinion on Allied bombing tactics. For this plan, long-range fighters were necessary to accompany heavily defended bombers.

He indicated then the necessity of picking out targets instead of obliterating the areas. As he said today it wasn't haphazard but a carefully planned effort from the earliest days. In achieving the defeat of the enemy and crippling the German air force, our casualties and losses "had not been light".

General Spaatz spoke in a quiet unassuming way. It was certain he was one of the big brains behind the winning of war.

Miracle Of 20th Century

Present-Day Russian Soldier's Pride In Country's Well-Being

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, April 30.

Stanley Baron, "News Chronicle's" war correspondent with Russians giving his impressions about the Russian soldier says:—

"We are beginning to build a picture of this miracle of the Russian army, as we have seen it in the field. And what a soldierly army it is! That above all is the thing which first strikes you—of young men electrically alive, alert, dressed in grey field-uniforms, first-class material, leather jackets (many with decorations for gallantry and service) all obviously well fed and with an air of fitness and well-being, making it very clear, through her long years of travail, that Russia has never abandoned the one idea—that for a soldier in the field only the best is good enough. The Russian soldier is a highly individual fellow, he is taught that his fate against the enemy depends on his own initiative exercised within discipline as firm as that of any army in the world. There is no limit to the heights to which he can rise. The Corps Commander with whom we made contact was a sergeant at the beginning of the war. He is now, at 32, Major-General.

I have had complete freedom to talk to any Russian soldier I like, and always when I have sought reason for the Red Army's success the answer is the same: "We are prepared for a long war, and on the battlefield the first thing we learned was, once the order was given it must be obeyed quickly."

Pride in Russian deeds is such a strong thing that there is occasionally what might be thought overdisposition to emphasise the view that if a thing is Russian it is almost automatically the available.

But handsome tributes to Western Allies handed out all round if you speak of transport. As in all armies you cannot talk to Russian soldiers for long without realising how much the future fills their minds.

LONG-RANGE PLANS

Long-range plans for rehabilitation of Russia are talked everywhere. They point to the example of Stalingrad to which 230,000 people have now returned and say "There among the ruins we are already building tractors." Tall stories about Russian women combat troops are not substantiated. Major Krivitsky told me: "We have a few, but they are rare and all voluntary. At one time we had frontline women war reporters, but when 26 "Red Star's" (out of 40) correspondents had been killed we decided that the battlefield was no place for women." We got round talking of fraternisation. Major Krivitsky said: "We have not non-fraternisation order, because frankly we do not think it is necessary to tell the Russian soldier not to fraternise."

Russians are all going out to present Berlin as May Day gift for Stalin. Moscow has garlanded Red banners, "Glory to Soviet troops who hoisted the banner of victory on Berlin." Berlin too is garlanded, but the flags are white. In the centre of Berlin for two square-miles the toll of death and destruction is bitterest and most concentrated. Battles are being fought in the sight of what remains of the Gestapo Headquarters, Air Ministry, Hitler's Chancellery, and Goebbels' Ministry of Propaganda. Red troops are marching on, as the avenging army, while suicides are mounting hourly in Berlin. Nazi Germany is in the last throes, with Berlin crushed under weight of Soviet forces.

A message from the Austrian frontier says: The position inside the "redoubt" is now indescribable. Murderous chaos is widespread. Looting of foodshops is going on. There has been blood-letting on a super-fantastic scale. S. S. massacred foreign workers; Gestapites are going in hiding; hungry mobs have shot or knifed many German officers at Munich have hastily donned civilian clothes and are trying to disappear. Witnesses crossing the frontier report sistory's great debacle—the spectacle of half the continent in chaos. Frenzied mobs throughout Austria are weeping with relief because the war is over.

Incidentally not all refugees are quitting Germany. They are emaciated, exhausted or destitute. There are some coming out in 40 h. p. cars with elegant luggage and 30 guinea suits from Berlin's best tailors.

Maratha Mandir

A newly established body to work among masses in social, religious, economic and educational fields has secured great backing within the last fortnight. A collection of Rs. 1-1/2 lacs has already been made by the workers of the Maratha Mandir and efforts are being made to complete the sum of Rs. 5 lacs within 6 months for the building fund of the institution. The proposed body has been started with a view to cater to the educational needs of the Maratha and allied communities, to start a volunteer corps, to render services, to start a boarding house, to open a reading room and library, to look after the physical education and such other social services. A campaign is being organised to collect the funds from all over Maharashtra and the Maratha states. The workers of the Maratha Mandir will go on tour for the collection in the next month.

"Every Congressman Must Act As If He Is Rashtrapati"

MAHATMA'S CIRCULAR TO PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES AND WORKERS

AHMEDABAD, May 1 (U.P.I.): The "United Press" understands that Mahatma Gandhi has sent a circular to all the Congress workers in the different provinces stating that in the absence of the Congress President and the Working Committee every Congressman should act as if he is the Congress President and should work according to his own inclination keeping in mind the object of achieving independence. "The authority", Gandhiji says in his circular, "given to me for launching Civil Disobedience does not exist today and so I am concentrating my efforts on the constructive programme which alone will lead to Swaraj."

Gandhiji is also understood to be against the functioning of the Congress bodies officially in the absence of the Congress Working Committee.

CITY MAY DAY RALLY

Under the joint auspices of the Radical Democratic Party and the Indian Federation of Labour, a mass rally was held to-day, at Dongri Municipal Park, to celebrate the 'May Day'. Dr. M. R. Shetty, General Secretary of the R. D. Party, presided.

In the course of his address he contrasted the forces of Democracy and Nationalism that are working in Indian Politics and maintained that there can be no compromise between the two as they are irreconcilable.

Continuing he said:

"Indian people cannot achieve the freedom that they want unless native Fascism, garbed under Nationalism, is destroyed. On the occasion of May Day, Indian workers must demonstrate their determination to carry on the struggle until their freedom is achieved. That can be done only through their own political party, a party of the people, which is free from the influences of nationalists or vested interests.

He finally appealed to the workers to rally under the flag of Radicalism to liberate themselves.

Three processions were taken out from Girgaum, Prere Road, and Mazagoan which terminated at the Dongri Municipal Park.

'May Day' which symbolise the solidarity of the working classes the world over was celebrated with great enthusiasm to-day in the city. Thousands of mill workers assembled in several parts of the city, including Century Mill maidan, Pimplacha Maidan, Fergusson Road, DeLisle Road Maidan and Lal Baug Maidan, where flag salutations were held. There was a brisk sale of May Day Red flags.

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Lowtide: 9-12, 22-07.

To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer meeting preceded by a short talk on: "Heredity and Environment." Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, today at 6-15 p.m.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: On "Place of Vendidad in Zarathushtrian Literature", to-day, at 6-15 p.m., at Alexandra Girls' School, Ground Floor Hall, 31, Waudby Road.

MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION: Conversational meeting of members of the Union to-day, to discuss the subject "Muslim Indian Youth Movement", at 6 p.m., at the Office of the Union, 3, Bastion Road, Fort. Mr. Matlub-ul-Hussain Syed will lead the discussion.

FREE FIRST AID CLASS: Mr. D. S. Bharucha will start two First Aid classes in Marathi at the Red Cross Building, Town Hall, Fort, at 5.0 p.m., to-day and on Friday.

PLANNED HEALTH IN THE U.S.S.R.: May Day Week Exhibition organised by the Friends of the Soviet Union at Cama Hall, Apollo Street, opp. R. I. N. Docks will remain open to the public from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., until Saturday, 5th inst. Admission fee As. 5 only.

JOINT COMMERCE SECRETARY IN BOMBAY: Mr. Y. N. Sukthankar, Joint Secretary, Commerce Department, along with Mr. R. S. Mani, Export Trade Controller, Bombay, met the Managing Committee of Africa and Overseas Merchants Chamber on Tuesday morning when Mr. Dawood Hajee Naseer, President of the Chamber, submitted a memorandum on exports and imports during the post-war period. Mr. Sukthankar promised to consider the issues raised in the memorandum on his return to New Delhi.

INDIAN NATIONAL THEATRE: The Secretary, Indian National Theatre, writes that two Dance Ballets, "Bhookh" and "Mirabai" will be staged very shortly. Representative artistes, namely, Sjt. Yogendra Desai, Sjt. Avinas Vyas, Sjt. Govardhan Panchal and Sjt. Bhanu Smart have left Bombay on a tour in Gujarat and Rajputana for the special study of the problems in question. Besides the National Congress has promised its full co-operation and appointed three representatives on the Executive Committee of the Indian National Theatre for all the activities of the Indian National Theatre. The Theatre is also preparing Cultural Programme for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Congress. The office of the I. N. T. will be temporarily at 42, Kennedy Bridge, Bombay 4.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY READING ROOM.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council, A Children's Holiday Reading Room has been organised at the Anjuman Islam Boys' High School, opp Victoria Terminus, from Thursday, the 3rd May, to Saturday, the 2nd June 1945, from 3 a.m., to 11 a.m., and from 4 p.m., to 7 p.m. A variable collection of books of all sorts in English and other Indian languages suitable to Children, between the age of 6 and 16, will be provided.

Citizenship College Camp

Mr. Shanti Shah, General Secretary of the Bombay Students' Union writes: The citizenship college will commence from May 8, 1945, in the city. In the camp students workers will be instructed in political, social and economic subjects by distinguished authorities as Shri Nandaji, Shri Giri, Shri Kumarappa and others.

For the effective organisation of the college we require students who would be willing to work as volunteers for a month. The volunteers will also get the advantage to attend some of the important lectures delivered during the camping.

Students desirous to give their names as volunteers should immediately report themselves before May 3, 1945, at the office of the Union. (42, Kennedy Bridge)

Mr. Autarsingh Malhotra, Assistant Editor of the "Jhange Azadi", a Communist weekly of Lahore, was arrested on Monday under the Defence of India Rules for an alleged objectionable speech.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2.

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244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—8.0 a.m. News (H) 8-15 News (E) 8-30 M. Siddiq 8.45 Violin 8-50 News (M) 9-0 News (G) 9-10 To-morrow 9.15 Instr. Music 9.30 Suresh Babu 12.30 p m Music (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12.55 News (H) 1-0 Mixed Music 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 2.30 Break for Lunch 4.20 S K. Athalye 4-35 Gujarati Songs 4-50 Jaltarang Solo 5-0 Lalita Parulkar. 5-25 J Y. Pandit (Violin). 5.45 Topical Talk 5 55 Locals. 6-0 Suresh Babu. 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6.45 Matters of Moment. 6-50 "Man Santosh Na Payo". 7-0 Meri Taza Nazmen (H). 7-15 S. K. Athalye. 7.30 Marathi Programme (B. B C.). 8-0 Music from Film 8-15 News (M) 8-30 News (G) 8-45 M. Siddiq 9-0 News (H). 9.20 News (E) 9.30 B B C News 9.45 New India (Labour Welfare) (E). 10-0 AIR Orchestra 10-15 Ghazalen 10-30 Suresh Babu.

To felicitate Mr. Salebhoy Abdul Kader, newly, elected Chairman of the Bombay Municipal Schools Committee, a tea party was held by the Dawoodi Bohra Relief Committee at Baig Mahomed Bagh on Saturday. Mr. A. A. Jasdanwala who presided on the occasion is seen addressing the gathernig.

Rationing Of Cloth

To Come Into Force In June In City And Suburbs

The Government of Bombay has decided to ration certain varieties of cloth in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District. The Scheme is expected to come into force early in June.

Announcing this decision, a Press Note issued by the Supply Commissioner, Bombay, says that only the following varieties of mill-made cloth will be rationed in the first instance, viz., dhoties, saries, coating, mulls, voiles, dorias and shirting other than grey shirting. The quantum will be fixed for each individual on the basis of foodgrains units, half the adult's quantum being allotted for children below 6 years. The total quantum per individual and the maximum quantities of each variety of rationed cloth that can be obtained within the total quantum will be announced in due course.

Registration for the purchase of rationed cloth will be allowed on application at the selected cloth shops. Copies of the prescribed application forms are available at all Ward Rationing Offices and at all the Government Grain Shops.

For private households, form C-1 is to be used. A separate application must be made for each head of household as shown on the foodgrains ration cards. The form duly filled in by the head of the household should be presented along with the foodgrains ration cards of the members to the ration shop where the ration cards are registered for foodgrains. The ration shop-keeper will certify on the application form that the cards are validly registered with him and return the application to the applicant. In the case of persons who have left Bombay temporarily and whose ration cards have been deposited at the Rationing Kiosks or the Ward Office the deposit receipt should be attached to the application form.

Form C-2 is to be used by permanent residents of establishments who do not hold individual foodgrains ration cards. The applications should be handed over to the proprietor/manager of the establishment who will present them with a covering application in form 'E' to the Rationing Office of the ward in which his establishment is situated along with his foodgrains ration permit and authorisation. After verification the Ward Rationing Office may endorse certificates of eligibility in respect of each application and hand over the applications to the proprietor/manager for being returned to the applicants.

The application forms duly atested by the ration shop-keeper together with the foodgrains ration cards or the certificates of eligibility, as the case may be, will have to be produced at the Rationed Cloth Shops when registration begins. They should, therefore, be carefully preserved. Information regarding the rationed cloth shops and the date of registration will be announced shortly.

Congress Workers' Study Class

A study class for the benefit of Congress workers and students will be held at the office of the A Ward D. C. Committee at 96-98, Bora Bazar Street, Fort, from May 2 to May 31. There will be three lectures a week and the classes will start at 7-30 p.m.

The following have agreed to speak on the subjects mentioned against their names.

Mr. M. R. Masani, 1 lecture on "International Political Chess Board"; Mr. Abid Ali Jafferbhai, 3 lectures on "The History of the National Movement in India"; Mr. S. K. Patil M. L. A., 2 lectures on "The Future Congress"; Mr. Umashankar Dixit, 2 lectures on "The Important Political Parties in India"; Mr. M. Y. Nurie, M. L. A., 1 lecture on "The Communal Problem and Pakistan".

MASS LITERACY SCHEME

Govt. Increases Maintenance Grant

The Bombay Government has increased the maintenance grant paid to voluntary schools started under the mass literacy scheme.

The grant was formerly at the rate of Re. 1 per each pupil in average attendance and Rs. 3 for girls and for children of backward communities, subject to a maximum of Rs. 300 a year. The scheme was launched by the Government during normal times and the rate of capitation grant then prescribed was based on the prevailing conditions of living. Conditions have worsend in recent years and the prices of food grains and other commodities have increased considerably. The teachers serving in the schools started under the scheme get as a rule between Rs. 8 and Rs. 12 a month from the grant-in-aid to which the schools are entitled under the scheme. They are, therefore, reluctant to serve in these schools especially as they can secure better employment elsewhere. Unless the grant to these schools is increased, there is a danger of their closing down one by one. The tendency has already been noticed recently.

The Government has therefore, raised with effect from the current financial year, the rate of grant to mass literacy schools to Re. 1 for each pupil in average attendance, for all children irrespective of caste or community for the first 25 pupils, the grant in respect of the remaining pupils being regulated at the present rates.

WAR SERVICES EXHIBITION AT SHOLAPUR

A Sholapur correspondent writes:—Friday, (27th April), was declared Savings Day at the Exhibition. A very large crowd numbering about 40,000 gathered on the ground and collected especially round the Small Savings Stall which had been organised under the direction of Mr. K. R. Mehta, National Savings Circle Officer, Bombay Province, by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Sholapur Small Savings Committee, Mr. H. P. Hinchcliffe, Agent Imperial Bank of India, Sholapur, and Mr. B. G. Joshi and by Mr. P. K. Karoor, Assistant National Savings Circle Officer, Central Dn. more than a lakh and a half has been collected in cash at the Savings Stall and many written promises to purchase National Savings Certificates were handed in by the people who came to the Bureau without sufficient cash or cheque books.

In the Exhibition Theatre dances were performed by Kulkarni and his party and the drama 'Anarkali' was performed by local talent. Mr. Ikram, Collector presided and made a short speech. Then Mr. K. R. Mehta, Officer in charge of Savings in the Province delivered a speech on "Small Savings Bureaux" at the War Services Exhibitions in India. Free Tank-rides were given to those who bought Savings Stamps.

New Drug Hailed In Magazine Story

NEW YORK, April 29: In the May issue of the "American Mercury" Leona U. Washersug wrote of a new drug, prostigmine, that promises "usefulness in relieving human suffering."

The article said prostigmine was originally deemed to relieve certain distressing complications often the aftermath of abdominal operations. Yet this same medicine has come to play an important role in treating infantile paralysis, arthritis, fever and muscle disorders and some abnormalities of the eye and nose.

Perhaps, the most amazing of all the new uses for prostigmine are those recently announced in the treatment of infantile paralysis and arthritis. Doctors of the University of Minnesota Medical School decided to test prostigmine reactions on muscle function of 24 paralysis patients. Their report gave scientific proof that prostigmine helped patients who were being crippled by infantile paralysis. Occasionally even deformities of arms and legs could be made to disappear.—USOWI.

Andhra Mahasabha Celebrations

The ten days' Ramnavami programme of the Andhra Mahasabha came to a close on Sunday with the veena and vocal music of Smt. Sundaramma Raghaviah which was of a very high order. A crowded house listened to her spell-bound, and she drew encores by her skilful rendering and finished artistry of Ragas and Kirtans. Mrs. Lalita Venkatram pulled the enthusiasm of the audience to frenzy by her high octave stylisation and variety of tonal shades in rendering Ragas and popular songs. Among budding artistes Miss Meenakshi Shankaram and Kumari Satyavati were impressive. Harikathas and drama were a feature of the programme. Miss K. Poonammal of Guruvayur, a disciple of Chembai Vydhianatha Bhagavatar scored well by her stylish rendering of ragas and kirtans in fine setting. Though a new arrival to Bombay, she created a good impression. She was accompanied by her brother Master K. Dorai who seems to be a prodigy in playing Mridangam. He was the happy recipient of a medal for his artistic display on the Mridangam.

Dalal Leaves For U. K.

KARACHI, May 1 (A.P.I.): Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Member for Planning and Development, Government of India, accompanied by Mr. H. V. R. ...ngar, has left for the United Kingdom.

CELEBRATION OF 8TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF SATAMKER MUSIC CLASS

The eighth annual gathering of Satamker music class was held at Sunderabai Hall under the presidentship of Mr. Kantilal C. Thakore B.A., LL.B., Presidency Magistrate. It was celebrated in the presence of about 1,500 people. The group photo shows Mr. Thakore presiding and other respected guests as Mr. Dharamdas Hargovandas J.P., Mr. Jayantilal Dalal, Mr. Jamnadas Harakhji Sanghvi, Mr. Chimanlal Popatlal and other respected people. Mr. Dharamdas Seth donator of a sum of Rs. 151. Mr. K. P. Rao 51, Mr. T. R. Lalan 51, Mr. Jayantilal Dalal 25 and students 100. Speakers and the president liked the programme and advised public to join this music class. Thus the function was ended cheerfully.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Our country has suffered because we preach spiritual equality but practise social inequality.

—Sir S. Radhakrishnan.

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OMINOUS PORTENTS

In his "May Day" Order of the Day, Marshal Stalin refers to Himmler's offer of "unconditional surrender" only to America and Britain and characterises it as an attempted trick to cause dissensions among the Allies. Whether or no Himmler actually was inspired by any such silly purpose, such tricks, as Marshal Stalin says, were and are docmed to utter failure. This applies to actual operations in the war against Nazi Germany. But does it also apply to the alliance for peace and security in the post-war world? One need not be a confirmed pessimist to entertain grave misgivings. Signs are not wanting to show clearly the danger of a serious rift. Events are taking place which constitute a sufficiently solemn warning of it.

The first trouble arose at San Francisco over the question of the Chairmanship of the Conference. Whether it was a matter of major or minor importance in itself, it reflected a difference among the Big Three which cannot be ignored. That was only the beginning. There later came the problem of invitations to the present Provisional Government in Warsaw and to Argentina. The latter problem has been settled but by majority voting against Russian opposition. The voting is interesting as showing the countries that follow the leadership of America and Britain on the one side and of Russia on the other as also those who hesitate to commit themselves. But it is also ominous as dividing the grand alliance into two camps. The same differences are, of course, reflected in the Polish problem which is still in a state of deadlock. It is noteworthy that both sides confidently appeal to the Yalta agreement as entire justification for their stand—although M. Molotov's pledge about complete reorganisation of the Provisional Government does not quite strengthen the present Russian case as against that of America and Britain—and yet they cannot come to a compromise. Another significant instance comes from the zone of military operations itself. There was the other day a report from Moscow to the effect that a Provisional Government in Austria had been formed under a veteran Social Democrat who was also Chancellor of the country. It has been followed since by statements from London and Washington that Britain and America do not recognise that Government. Other reports suggest that London and Washington got first information about it almost simultaneously with the Moscow's public announcement. That means that they were not consulted, which is rather a sad commentary on inter-allied co-operation and co-ordination. All this makes one wonder where the Big Three are heading for. The situation has not deteriorated badly yet. But unless Allied statesmanship immediately takes a firm grip on itself and on developments, the rift may assume grave proportions and that will bode no good to the future of the world.

Help The Weavers

At a time when there is severe scarcity of cloth all over the country the difficulties thrown in the way of the thousands of weavers of Surat and several other places in the province are most regrettable. In Surat city alone there are 30,000 weavers, working at handlooms and powerlooms in small factories and if they could be supplied adequate yarn and helped otherwise they could make a considerable addition to the cloth produced by mills. They can use up and need for their maintenance about 5,000 bales of yarn per month. But under the new arrangement for yarn distribution put into force from April 1 last the Surat district as a whole gets only 700 to 800 bales. And there is reason to fear that the bulk of the industry in the city may be extinguished if it is not supplied with adequate yarn of the required types.

Lack of yarn is not the only difficulty of these weavers. They are also prohibited from exporting their cloth outside the Bombay province. The prohibition is doubtless well intended. It is meant to increase the cloth supply available for the province and to prevent avoidable transport. But Bombay is a surplus province in respect of cloth and the surplus has got to be exported in the interests of the country and the province alike. If so, the Surat weavers should be given a priority in exporting as for years past about 90 per cent of the Surat products has been prepared for special and established markets outside the province, namely, the United Provinces and the Punjab. It is well known that handlooms and small factory looms cannot compete with mills except in the production of some specialised kinds of cloth. Because of this difficulty lakhs of handloom weavers have been compelled in the past to abandon their ancient profession but it will be grave injustice to drive the Surat weavers out of their profession. The handloom products of Madras are rightly allowed to be exported out of the province and we do not see why a similar concession should not be granted to the Surat weavers. As a result of the ban on them cloth worth Rs. 125 lakhs has accumulated in the city. Transport difficulty cannot be urged as an excuse, for the weavers have obtained a transp permit for 1,000 bales and only the ban on export prevents their use of it. Government should either remove the ban or buy up the stocks at the market value.

Frankly Speaking

End Of Mussolini

It is impossible to sympathise with Benito Mussolini or his end. That man was responsible during his 23 years of tyranny for the murder of hundreds of good men like Matteoti and the massacre of thousands of innocents by poison gas in Abyssinia and by almost equally brutal methods in Libya, let alone the tortures to which he put innumerable opponents of his and his base attack on Greece and France. In his days of so-called greatness and splendour there were no depths of human degradation which Mussolini did not plumb. In the name of his unfortunate victims he deserved full punishment. But we wish he had met his punishment after full process of law and in open court at Rome. It is unfortunate that in their rage the partisans took the law in their own hands to deal not only with him but with a good many other Fascists too. We are, however, glad the Liberation Committee has promised not to repeat its impatience in respect of other Fascists.

Arab United Front

We welcome the decision of the five Arab countries, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria to work unitedly at San Francisco in the spirit of the recently formed Arab League. Those who have at all been observing events in and about the Middle East and the activities of the Big Powers can well appreciate the danger which threatens the Arab countries and how necessary it is to do, in the words of one of their spokesmen at Frisco, "everything possible to protect the independence and territorial integrity of each individual member of the Arab League." A united front is imperative for the very life of these countries. And it is a very practical demand that the Security membership Council should be expanded from 11 to 14. There are many regions and groups which deserve membership but will go unrepresented if only 6 seats are open to non-permanent small nations.

Cloth Rationing

The Bombay Government has acted wisely in deciding to ration cloth in the city and the suburbs with effect from June 1. Once it is realised that in spite of a fairly sufficient supply of cloth it has become difficult to ensure its equitable distribution through unrestricted purchases, a case is made out for rationing essential types of cloth. Indeed, the rationing of "dhoties" and "sarees" might well have been introduced months ago. The rations allowed, namely, 30 yards for persons above the age of six and 15 yards for children under six, are fair in these days of scarcity. It is to be hoped that cloth rationing will be introduced wherever there is maldistribution. This will be possible only if an adequate supply can be ensured for the country. Else only cities and towns will be benefited at the expense of rural areas.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Starched goods doesn't always command a stiff price.

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Never bet on a sure thing unless you can afford to lose.

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Better a word in season than an hour's lecture out of season.

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Genius never amounts to much unless it is backed by common sense.

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Ducks haven't the better of lawyers and doctors in the matter of big bills.

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What the dry-land navigator needs is a lifeboat that will float on a sea of trouble.

San Francisco Conference And World Peace

By N. BULSARA

At a time like this when the war in Europe will almost have come to a close and the peace conference at San Francisco are holding its deliberations, the question which is seriously perplexing the minds of all thinking men and women is whether there will be lasting and enduring peace in the world. Grave doubts are being entertained by many whilst there are a few who feel that a solution by the Big Three will be found whereby "the peace of the world will be preserved and the forces of aggression permanently outlawed". It is true that in the death of President Roosevelt at such a critical juncture, much of the influence and wise statesmanship which he alone could have brought to bear on the delegates of the conference have been lost in the best interests of the world. Besides, at one time it was felt that with Russia not attaching sufficient importance to the conference by not sending her Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, the conference would end in the Versailles way. But with the assurance given by the new President of America, Mr. Harry Truman, that there will be no change in the policy of America as outlined by President Roosevelt and with the subsequent decision of M. Stalin to send M. Molotov to the conference, it may now be reasonable to expect that a solution to the much perplexed problem of lasting peace in the world will be found by the conference.

The approach to the problem of peace has also been made by eminent men from different angles. But, on the whole, there is no doubt that the world is yet in the dark and a solution free in the main from ulterior motives has yet to be found. A passionate fighter for world freedom and a champion of world peace, Wendell Willkie has revealed in his most sensational and thought-provoking book, "One World", the approach for building a structure of world peace which, in its essence, will be lasting. No single man has contributed so much in so short a time for so wide and significant a cause as Wendell Willkie. No person has tackled the problems which confront the world to-day so clearly, so frankly, so disinterestedly and in so outspoken a manner as Wendell Willkie. His views as outlined in his book, particularly on questions such as the future of dependencies and colonies, with special reference to their political status and the creation of an organisation which would guarantee lasting peace, require serious consideration and should form the basis for discussion at the peace conference.

India—Acid Test Of Aims And Ideals Of United Nations

The question of India's freedom looms large on the international horizon and stands out to-day as the moral test of the bona fides of the United Nations to liberate the world. As Wendell Willkie says, "Many men and women I have talked with from Africa to Alaska asked me the question which has become almost a symbol all through Asia: WHAT ABOUT INDIA?" "..... from Cairo on it confronted me at every turn. The wisest man in China said to me: when the aspiration of India for freedom was put aside to some future date, it was not Great Britain that suffered in public esteem in the Far East. It was the United States." There can be no doubt whatever that the silence of the U.S.A. on the question of India has gone a great way towards creating a feeling of despondency and doubt in the minds of the peoples of the East with regard to the aims of the United Nations and a deficiency in America's reservoir of goodwill which she commands in a large measure.

Many international statesmen have been sounding India on her duty to sacrifice her men and material in order that Asia may be liberated from Japanese Imperialism. But the question which has remained unanswered is, "What about India's liberation from British Imperialism?" India cannot fight the battle of freedom and liberation of other countries when her freedom and liberation are denied to her. If she is to actively participate in the war against Japan she can do so only as a free India. Critics of the United Nations may argue that if India is granted her independence to-day, there would be other powers who would attempt to fill the vacuum created by the withdrawal of the British. While it is admitted that India in the initial stages of her independence would not be in a position to defend herself against foreign aggression, the kind of solution which she would prefer would be a joint undertaking by the United Nations to guarantee for some time to come, her integrity in the event of an attack, and, considering the contribution that she has made in men and material to the Allied cause in the present war, this would not be too much to ask. Or at least as an alternative solution, it would be a great gesture on the part of the United Nations to lay down a specific date for the grant of India's independence as has been done by the U.S.A. in the case of the Philippines.

A few other foreign statesmen, including members of the British Parliament, have enquired: "what is the problem of the Indian people?" They surmise that it is either economic or political. It is neither of that. The problem of the Indian people is above all, the problem of their freedom—freedom from domination, freedom from slavery, freedom from injustice and oppression and exploitation. The people of India definitely prefer to be left to stew in their own juice rather than let themselves be stewed by others, for, they are sanguine that it is only in a free India that they can hope to look forward with hope for a better standard of living for their people and for an active contribution jointly with the other powers of the world in the maintenance of a new and better world order of lasting peace. With the growing restlessness in which India finds herself to-day as a result of the political deadlock in the country it is becoming increasingly evident that if, in conjunction with the restoration of sovereign rights and self-government of the liberated countries of Europe, the question of India's freedom is not given adequate consideration by the conference, India is likely to act as a great disturber of the peace of the East, if not of the West.

Imperialism—Root Cause Of All Wars

Even to-day, whilst we are nearing the end of the European war, a feeling of political confusion and unrest is creeping in the air all around the world; a stormy petrel continues to blow, somewhere here in the East, somewhere far in the West. Jealousy, hatred, suspicion, treachery, injustice, slavery, exploitation and domination are again on the ascendency. There is manifestly an attitude of apathy and indifference to the awakening in the peoples of the East and a consequent desire on the part of imperialist countries like Great Britain, France and Holland to prolong their hold on their dependencies. In spite of the war, it looks as if we are being confronted with the same problems we were up against five years ago. Freedom has been made only a byword, a catch-word—almost a joke—and sinister designs of imperialism are once again in the forefront in their true colours. But as Wendell Willkie has aptly said: "Freedom is an indivisible word. If we want to enjoy it, and fight for it, we must be prepared to extend it to everyone, whether they are rich or poor, whether they agree with us or not, no matter what their race or the colour of their skin." "..... we must now and hereafter cast our lot as a nation with all those other peoples, whatever their race or colour, who prize liberty as an innate right, both for themselves and for others. We must now and hereafter, together with those peoples, reject the doctrine of imperialism which condemns the world to endless war."

Freedom Of Mandatory Countries Essential Pre-requisite To Lasting Peace

It is recognised that the San Francisco Cinference is up against a stupendous task in deciding how best to bring about an end of all wars. It is true also that the delegates will find themselves difficultly placed in the matter of understanding the problems confronting the Eastern countries. Under these circumstances, the principles inunciated by Wendell Willkie for achieving lasting peace, which are undoubtedly of a revolutionary character, deserve serious consideration and should certainly not be overlooked. If Wendell Willkie's proposals are not given a proper place in the discussions at the peace conference, and are not made the basis for discussion, we shall be up against a war as hideous, if not more, as the one we are facing to-day. The objectives of lasting peace can be maintained and strengthened if the conception of the dignity of mankind is universally recognised and all countries, big or small, oriental or occidental, are allowed to exist side by side equally in an atmosphere of international friendship and goodwill. The equality of nations and their freedom, irrespective of colour, cannot be delayed any longer and will have to be recognised. The sooner this is done, the better in the interests of lasting peace. The words of President Roosevelt in this connection are significant enough: "The structure of world peace cannot be the work of one man, or one party, or one nation. It cannot be just an American peace, or a British peace, or a Russian, French, or a Chinese peace. It cannot be the peace of large nations, or of small nations. It must be a peace which rests on the co-operative effort of the whole world."

Our Readers' Views

Dharamshalas At Muttra

I shall be highly obliged if you kindly allot some space in your esteemed journal to a story of my experiences at the Dharamshalas at Muttra, specially those built or established by Gujarati philanthropists.

I had occasion to spend a portion of my leave, taken about three months ago, at Muttra, the birthplace of Sri Krishna, with my whole family. On our arrival at the station a Panda or priest-guide—swarms of these creatures infest the railway platforms to catch hold of unwary pilgrims and then swindle out as much of their cash as they can, in the name of sacred rites at the Jamna ghats and temples—led us to a Dharamshala in Chatta Bazaar, which on the way, he had given out as a house of his own, and where we could put up with home comforts for as long as we liked. The deceipt of the man was, however, discovered very soon, when the manager-in-charge told us that it was only a Dharamshala, built by a rich Gujarati gentleman and that according to the rules thereof we could remain there for three days only.

When, however, the Panda made his august appearance. The next morning and asked us to go out to the temples post-haste, I politely declined saying that the purpose of my visit was just a pleasure trip and not pilgrimage. Finding me too sly a fly to be seduced into his cobweb, he demanded his usual fees. On that I referred to his deceiptful behaviour and held out a rupee note as his remuneration for accommodating us in a Dharamshala. This added fuel to the fire: the Panda jumped right out of his seat and bawled out that nothing less than Rs. 25 would be accepted, whether we go out with him or not—a seemingly meek creature that he was, assumed the appearance of a regular "goonda"! The manager and a few other Pandas surrounding him, who appeared to be collaborating in the loot, repeated the demand, stating, to my utter surprise, that the Dharamshala belonged to the Pandas and that I must satisfy the Panda engaged by me. Needless to say that I firmly rejected the exorbitant demand, saying that not a pie more would be paid and in case they dared trouble me further all of them would find their place in a police lock-up. Then we left this Gujarati Dharamshala or the den of hooligans for Brindaban.

A few weeks later we came back to Muttra, and went to a Marwari Dharamshala, with the intention of finding out a suitable place of residence for a few weeks more. A street acquaintance took us to a big house just in front of the Railway crossing at the entrance of the B.B. and C.I. Rly. Jumna bridge. The "Choubе" or exalted Panda, in charge of the house, came out and said that two officials of our own department (Posts and Telegraphs) were already putting up there and that we could occupy a room upstairs on Rs. 4/- p.m. provided we agreed to let others know that we were only temporary pilgrims there. But when I agreed and actually shifted into the house, he demanded Rs. 6/8/- as a months' rent advance. I understood the situation and paid up the amount without further haggling. The Choube refused a receipt, stating that "Choubs" never issue receipts! However, we kept on. From the marble tablets at various places in the house (I can read Gujarati), I came to learn that this large building is a Dharamshala, built by several Gujarati philanthropes, for the residence and comfort of pilgrims of all communities, but has now been converted into a rental house by the man, who, in good faith, was left in its charge. Almost all the good rooms have been rented out to tenants, on a permanent basis. Only occasional Gujarati pilgrims are received in a room or two left spare for them, probably for the safety of the Choube's own position, and for showing them that other pilgrims too receive similar treatment. On the "Holi" day, when pilgrims from all over India pour into Muttra and Brindaban, I personally saw the Choube turning out poor pilgrims like street dogs.

These Choubes are not satisfied with the large amount of rent derived from houses, built by Gujaratis. As far as I learn they pay annual visits to Gujarat and Bombay to collect more funds. A Gujarati gentleman, who happened to stay with us in that Dharamshala for a few days, saw the conditions with his own eyes and promised to tell his people at Bombay that these Choubes should not be encouraged further to use the extra funds of pious richmen, to add to the pleasures of their cosy living in these hard days.

One wonders why some Gujarati philanthropes should not come up to Muttra and eradicate the evils once for all.

A WELL-WISHER.

Clergy At Variance

There are hardly half a dozen people in the whole of the Bombay Deccan of the stature of Mr J S S Maleiu in point of education culture and family traditions. That a man of such worth should stoop in his letter published in the "Chronicle" of the 24th instant, to confuse the issue or such outstanding importance is a matter that "should make angels weep." The issue according to Mr. Maleiu is of such seconnary importance as the mismanagement of an ordinary Indian Pastorate by an ordinary Indian pastor The facts, however, are entirely otherwise. The whole contretemps revolves round the question as to whether the Bombay Church Council or any other Church Council, formed with a constitution similar to the one this Council has, has the authority to override decisions taken by individual Churches. The matter is more complicated by the fact that in this instance two entirely dissimilar bodies, viz. the Congregational and the Presbyterian Churches, have agreed to a nominal Union, since the constitution they framed allows previous contacts with their parent bodies. In the case of the Hume Memorial Church the matter of the payment of the pastor's salary has continued to be paid by the Church itself and not through the Bombay Church Council as in the case of other Churches.

The point sought to be made is that, perhaps in imitation of Whitehall and the India Office the Church in India, like India herself, has come in for a lot of words, and not the substance of independence.

Mr. Malalu ascribes justice, fair play and impartiality to the B C C and claims that even in the Hume Memorial Church men of the "Nationalist Christian Party" (sic.), who support the B C C are disgusted with the work of the pastor. Facts, however, show that only those entirely at the mercy of the Missions form the majority both in the B C C and in the Managing Committees of most of the Churches involved.

The quarrel, if the present situation in the development of the Bombay Churches as a whole may be described as such, is of a far greater importance. The affairs of an individual Church big or small, and of an Indian, pedro, great or not, can never be of such an overwhelming importance, as the future of Protestant Christianity itself. This may be described as a tug-of-war for power between the Missions working through their agents on the one hand and the Churches on the other.

I submit the affair which has given rise to the present correspondence has its roots much deeper. The so-called Church Union between entirely dissimilar bodies brought about purely as a camouflage, in imitation of powers of which the members of the Union are actually agents in the furtherence of certain plans is responsible for the exasperated feelings of gentlemen who have no axe to grind. The much-abused Rev. Mr. Shinde is avowedly one such, and has, much to the chagrin of his B. O.C. sponsors, proved to be the traditional "enfant terrible." This in brief is what is the matter, no matter what this reverend gentleman or that jack-in-office may say.

S. D. UZGARE.

Manufacture Of Photo-Goods

Our attention has been drawn to some announcements in the papers that the Government of India has sanctioned the capital issues permission to some ambitious enterprising concerns to raise public funds for manufacture of photographic goods and equipments in India from Indian raw-products, which is not correct as we are the pioneer of the national scheme for the manufacture of Photo-goods, Cinematograph films and Cinema equipments, etc., with the co-operation and supervision of foreign trained Indian experts and specialists.

We submitted the whole scheme to the Government of India with the offer of practical demonstration of our researches so that we could satisfy them with the prospects of the venture. Since the August 1944, our application is still under consideration with the Finance Department, Government of India.

Recently in the Central Assembly, in reply to Mr. Manu Subedar's question the Finance Member declared that the Government is setting a panel to investigate the possibilities of manufacture of Photo-goods and raw-films in India and no concern has so far been granted the capital issues permission for this particular object.

We would, therefore, like to warn the public that they must satisfy themselves with the variety of the claims by enquiries from the Government of India, before investing their capital in any such venture.

PROMOTORS.
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Yarn Distribution Scheme

While I do appreciate Government's policy of dividing the country into 23 units and instructing the mills to send certain quotas of yarns direct to the respective units and some goods direct to consumers through the quota holders, it is quite apparent that the business which was previously done by Commission Agents and Retailers has been done away with. By adopting such a procedure the well established and long standing business of Commission Agents and retailers has abruptly came to an end and they find it extremely difficult to maintain their staff and offices.

I am of the opinion that instead of the mills forwarding the yarn direct to the different zones, it should have distributed the same through the quota-holders, who after keeping their authorized margin of profit should sell the yarn to the commission agents and retailers. This will enable the commission agents to despatch the material to different zones according to the instructions. The retailers should be entrusted with the work of selling the goods to the consumers as per the instructions. his scheme will surely enable all the parties to earn their authorized commission and at the same time the consumers will also be able to obtain yarn at the controlled prices.

I do not see any point why the goods should be sold direct to consumers through the quota holders at lower prices than the controlled retail prices. Just as the margin of profit in cloth between ex-mill prices and retail prices is equitably distributed among various middlemen, so also the distribution of yarn should pass through the usual channels so that commission agents and retailers, who have been doing business for the past several years, may continue their livelihood.

Will the Authorities concerned be good enough to see that the business of commission agents and retailers is not crippled and that they are enabled to continue their long-standing trade?

SATYANARAYAN SAGARMALI MODY.

WILL 'FRISCO MAKE HISTORY?

Will It Give Humanity New & More Honest Civilisation?

From S. A. SABAVALA, "Chronicle" Special Representative.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.

The question of Asiatic countries and mandated territories is likely to come up before the Conference, sooner than at first anticipated. Following on Sir R. Mudaliar's speech and the infamous broadcast of Sir Feroze Khan Noon in which he accused the leaders of the Congress of behaving in the same manner towards Sir Stafford Cripps as the Jap envoys did towards Mr. Cordell Hull just before Pearl Harbour, and in which he accused what he called "Gandhi Raj" of obstructing the war effort from the very beginning and of pro-Japanese sympathies comes the impressive peroration from the Filipino delegate.

"The eyes of billions of Asiatics are on this Conference". He said, "and they expect that the deliberations of the United Nations will ensure their freedom and their own independent way of life".

The Prime Minister of Australia is likely to champion the cause of all peoples that come in the Pacific and East Asiatice Zones. Already he has made a deep impression by his forthright manner and his blunt speech.

INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP

I hope to interview him shortly on the question of International Trusteeship, which interests us all here deeply. One feels, however, that if all the delegates make the same type of masterly speeches as Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, and his speech was a triumph for eloquence and crass hypocrisy, not much will ensue from this conglomeration of the nations. It is hoped, however, that the announcement of the end of the war in Europe, which incidentally has been over for a week now, will lead to the delegates facing the new situations in a more realistic and sincere manner. The whole world prays for a just and lasting peace, but it yet remains for the representatives of that world to work for it with open hearts and clear consciences. If they can forget that they are politicians for one day, if they can forget the shabby game of power politics, and backstage chicanery for one day the San Francisco Conference will go down in history as the first real step forward in our God-forsaken century, towards a new and more honest civilisation.

ARGENTINA PROBLEM

The inclusion of Argentina in the United Nations' Conference is now a matter of days. Both the United States, the Latin American 'bloc' and Great Britain are lending powerful support to the inclusion pleas, and it is felt that the Soviet objection will either disappear or be overruled. In Argentina, to-day, frantic efforts are being made to change the face of the present regime, so that it might be acceptable to the so-called principles of Democracy for which the sponsoring Powers stand. In the last few days there have been mass arrests of pro-Nazi personnel in that country. There is still, however, the past pro-totalitarian record of Argentina to contend with; but it appears the Conference will be satisfied with a categorical guarantee of good behaviour for the future.

This leaves the last of the preliminary hurdles with which the Conference started, namely, Poland.

POLISH ISSUE: A ROW BETWEEN FACTIONS

At a Press Conference to-day a spokesman for the People's Government in Warsaw attempted to convince the world press that the Lublin Government was the People's Government and as such it has the support not only of Labour but of the Church inside Poland. The Conference was almost broken up by a row between the rival factions of the People's Party and the Provisional Government in London. A question was asked as to how the present President of the Lublin Government could claim to lead the Polish people when he himself was a citizen of the U.S.S.R. and had not visited Poland for 15 years. This elicited no satisfactory reply. There can be no doubt, however, that the vast majority of the American people are averse to the reactionary Government in London, and would like to see a truly democratic Poland taking its place at the Conference. At the moment, however, there is no chance of this coming about.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

LONDON, April 30: The plan which Sir Stafford Cripps is preparing for a solution of the Indian problem will consist of a combination of the plans put forward by the late Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Sir Firoz Khan Noon, Sir Reginald Coupland and Sir Stafford Cripps's own previous offer, the "United Press of America" understands from well-informed Whitehall circles. Sir Stafford Cripps will recommend that India be divided into four dominions and the States, it is reported.

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Speaking at a May Day meeting in Bombay, Mr. Khedgikar, who attended the World Trade Union Congress at London declared that "Tomorrow the world would enjoy an enduring peace."

Sure, comrade? Quite sure?

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"The solution of the Indian problem is the key to the problem of all Far Eastern colonies"—Mrs. V. Pandit.

That is why the key is so firmly guarded by John Bull.

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A "Public Opinion Research" expert in the United States deplores the fact that "Half of us have never heard or read of the Atlantic Charter."

Well, it can claim to have proved itself to be the wise and practical half.

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The reported decision of the Middle East Arab countries' delegations at Frisco unitedly to press for the extension of the Security Council membership from 11 to 14 is described by a News Agency as a "hard development."

Isn't it?

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Warns an Anglo-Indian contemporary: "Let his (Mussolini's) fate—and that of Hitler—be a warning to embryo dictators for all time to come."

Amen, oh, Amen.

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In his May Day Order, Marshal Stalin, a report says, spoke of "the colossal might of the Red Army." This was capable of "securing the State interests of the Soviet Union."

Where?

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The Plenary Session of the Frisco Conference has decided to invite Argentina by 31 votes to 4.

The division list of Ayes and Noes and also of neutrals ought to be most helpful.

But can the decision be enforced in the absence of an agreement between these contending elements, the 31 and the 4?

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The Milan Radio, announcing the arrest of Mr. John Amery, the son of our Secretary of State, describes him, we mean John, as "a well-known broadcaster on the Nazi-Fascist Radio."

But we are not prepared to blame Mr. L. S. Amery. We agree that accidents happen even in the best of families.

Well-known Cricket Umpire Dead

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Vali Ahmed, the famous All. India Umpire died this morning as his residence at Kurla. Mr. Vali Ahmed was up to the time of his death Manager of the Islam Gymkhana and himself was a very well-known cricketer in Bombay. In his death the cricket world in Bombay and in India loses a very popular figure

CITY JOURNALIST WEDS

The marriage of Mr. Dinanath S. Umrootkar of the "Bombay Sentinel" (son of Mr Sadanandshet M. Umrootkar of Janjira State) with Miss Kusum Vakharkar, (daughter of the late Khandesao D. Vakharkar) took place at Anandilal Poddar Balika Vidyalaya, Panawadi, on Tuesday evening.

The bridal pair were the recipients of numerous presents.

HIMMLER SENDS SURRENDER TERMS TO 'BIG THREE'

Swedish Mediator Hopeful Of Effecting Peace

TRUMAN ASSURES ANXIOUS AMERICANS TO MAKE PROMPT ANNOUNCEMENT OF CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

NEW YORK, April 30. (Reuter): President Harry Truman today tried to calm United States still seething with rumours of peace—imminent or actual—with the statement:

"THE WHITEHOUSE WILL REPORT ON THE END OF EUROPEAN HOSTILITIES WHENEVER ANYTHING CAN BE RELEASED OFFICIALLY AND WITH PROPER AUTHORITY".

STOCKHOLM: THE SOVIET LEGATION HERE TONIGHT SAID THAT IT WAS AWAITING A SURRENDER OFFER FROM HIMMLER.

COUNT BERNADOTTE, WHO IS REPORTED TO BE ON HIS WAY BACK TO SWEDEN WITH AN OFFER OF UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER FROM HIMMLER TO THE BIG THREE—BRITAIN, UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA—REFUSED TO TALK WHEN INTERVIEWED BY TELEPHONE AT HOTEL D'ANGLETERRE IN COPENHAGEN TONIGHT, SAYS REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT HIS MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Asked if he would return to Germany for further discussions, Count Bernadotte replied "No".

He confirmed that he will return to Stockholm to-morrow, Tuesday.

German Reply To Allies

Count Folke Bernadotte reputed to be the German peace envoy has forwarded from Copenhagen the German reply to the Allied conditions for peace, states the Swedish newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" quoting "usually well informed sources."

Thomas Harris Reuter's special correspondent in Stockholm says that the newspaper reports that the Swedish Foreign Office had communicated Count Bernadotte's reply to the British, Russian and American Ambassadors in Stockholm.

Definite Agreement In Few Days

Harris adds that the "Dagens Nyheter" report claims that it is expected that a definite agreement will be arrived at in a few days time.

Concerning the situation in Norway and Denmark the paper contends that the conditions are "very favourable for a peaceful settlement."

It is further reported that one condition of Count Bernadotte's intervention was the cessation of German occupation of Norway and Denmark. It is known that Count Bernadotte yesterday had day long conferences with Germans in the Copenhagen hotel they had made their headquarters.

Bargaining In Negotiations

Earlier Sylvain Mangeot, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent had reported that there was no available evidence that Himmler had used the falling off of prolonged resistance in Norway or Denmark as a bargaining counter in the surrender negotiations but that such a course was at least probable since it was difficult to see what other cards he had to play.

Clearance Of Norway

With events moving as fast as they are and bearing in mind the physical difficulties involved in clearing Norway of German troops, any proposal to spare Southern Norway the devastation inflicted by the Germans upon the northern Provinces can obviously not be dismissed out of hand.

According to official Norwegian estimates, German forces in Norway still total well above 250,000 and it is reliably believed that their Commanders are keenly interested in an alternative to unconditional surrender to the Allies. This would be provided in the possibility of crossing the 1000-mile long Swedish frontier and laying down arms "with military honours" to the Swedish authorities.

Large Scale Disarmament

Informed Allied military quarters in London believe that the Sweden would be capable of dealing with such large-scale disarmament and might well prefer this solution to belated Swedish military intervention against the Germans in Norway which the Norwegian Government is now openly pressing for.

It is perhaps significant that a number of civilian administrators in Norway, many of whom would certainly qualify as war criminals, recently have been getting into military uniform—presumably with a view to sharing any advantages accorded to military personnel when hostilities cease.

Himmler would not be the only high ranking Nazi who would be grateful for even temporary refuge in Sweden. As chief of the SS, he obviously tops any list of war criminals, but as Supreme Military Chief of German Defence he may yet hope to bargain his signature for his skin.

The official Norwegian view is that nothing short of unconditional surrender to the Allies by German troops in Norway is acceptable.

Surrender Imminent

Monitors at Reuter's Radio Station report that the trend of all German broadcasts and news transmissions is summed up by the phrase "the position is hopeless."

For the first time the German Propaganda Service is really giving emphasis to the world wide expectancy that German surrender is imminent, writes Geoffrey Parr, who has been Reuter's Chief Monitor of German broadcasts since the start of the war.

Parr adds: "German commentators are now not even troubling to sugar the debacles and a note of realism and candour is becoming quite common place in the broadcasts. One commentator quite frankly stated that the war seemed to be on the verge of being lost.

INDIA'S REPRESENTATION ON SECURITY COUNCIL

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1 (Reuter).—Count Coudehova Kalergi, President of the Pan American Union in an interview with Paul Scott Rankin, Reuter's Special Correspondent made an earnest plea for representation of India on the United Nations Security Council. "India is one of world's most important nations and also ought to be represented permanently," said the Count.

Yanks Have To Leave Their Girls Outside

Versailles, with its wonderful palace and gardens, is closed to the public but not to the soldiers of the United Nations. It is a pleasant run from Paris by train to Versailles, and many are the American soldiers who go there accompanied by their "petites amies". Alas! the guardians are adamant and refuse to consider the French girls as other than "the public", so as Versailles is open to the soldiers and not to the public, the Yanks have to leave their girls outside if they want to see one of the world's most wonderful show palaces.

France May Supply All Europe With Electric Power

The tide in the bay of Granville may be the means of supplying the whole of Europe with electric power. Force from the tides generated by a weir over 100 miles long would produce, according to experts, 60 billion kilowatt-hours. Work on the scheme would last 20 years and would cost some 300 billion francs. The carrying out of the work and its financing would have to be a matter for international co-operation.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET

CALCUTTA, May 1.

In sympathy with selling pressure, shares in the speculative Engineering, Jute and Coals sections displayed rather a quieter tone on the Calcutta Stock Exchange to-day. Government securities continued firm and unchanged.

The following are to-day's final transactions upto 3 p.m.:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 per cent Loan 1948/52 100, 3 per cent Loan 1959/61 99/15, 3 per cent Loan 1953/55 100/9 CT, 3 per cent Loan 1966/68 98/6 Small Loc, 3 per cent Govt paper 90/13, 3 per cent Defence 1946 102/5 S. Lot, 3 per cent Defence Loan 1949/52 101/6 Small Odd Lot, 3 per cent Victory Bonds 1945 99/15 S. Lots, 3 per cent Loan 1963/65 98/15, 3-1/2 per cent Govt Paper 99/15/6 S. Lot, 3-1/2 per cent Loan 1944/50 103/9 S. Lot, 4 per cent Loan 1960/70 112/6, 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 101/15.

COTTONS: Basanti 12/2, Bengal Nagpur 40/3, Elgin Mills 62, New Victoria Mills Ord. 7/1, Ditto Preference 8/6.

COALS: Amalgamated 50/12 S Lot, Bengal 674, Bhalgora 19/1, Bokaro and Ramgur 46/10, Burrakur 39/10, East Indian 35/6, Equitable 66/10, Ghusick and Muslia 14, Kuagdi 16, New Beerbhoom 38/2, North Damuda 16/4, Raneegunge 51, Satpukuria and Asansol 9, South Karanpura 28/4, Talcher 11/1.

JUTES: Alliance 619, Anglo India 4/1, Bally 359 S. Lots, Barnagore 223/8, Champdany 257, Cheviot 320, Ganges 563, India 696, Howrah 93/1, Kamarhatty 7/10, Kankanarrah 589, Kinnison 392, National 34/2, Nellimarla 33/14, Nuddea 130/8, Orient 270, Presidency 11/12, Reliance 77/4.

MININGS: Burma Corporation 5/6, Consolidated 3/12, Indian Copper Corporation 2/15, Tavoy Tin 2/10, Karanpura Development 32.

ENGINEERINGS: Braithwaite 11/6, Britannia Engineering 18/4, Indian Iron and Steel Ordy 39, Indian Malleable Casting Ord. 10/13, Jessops 25 Cum Dividend Kumardhibi Engineering 9/12 S. Lot, National Iron and Steel 11/6, Steel Corporation of Bengal Ordy. 32.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 18/8, Alkali and Chemical Ordy. 21/12 Odd Lot, Aluminium Corporation Ordy. 14 Odd Lot, British India Corporation 6/2, Indian National Airways Ordy 24/8, National Rolling Mills 14/2, Rohtas Industries 15/12, British Burma Petroleum 5/4, India Oil Plastics 9, India Paper Pulp 218, Shree Gopal 17/4, Titaghur Paper Ordy. 27, Midnapore Zemindary 168, Assam Saw Mills 5/13, Indian General Navigation 1/4.

SUGARS: Belsund 14/6 Buland 40/14, Carew and Co. 26, New Savan 26/4, Ramnugger Cane Ordy 14/14.

TEAS: Amluckie 242/8, East India 1/4, Ingtom 3/7/8.—A. P.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD, May 1.

Conflicting political news affected market both ways earlier prices improved but later dropped and finally finished at around yesterday's levels:—

Calico 1379, Ambika 459, Ahmedabad Cotton 465, Ashok 585, Jupiter 366, New National 422/8/0, Marsdon 196, Monogram 162, Vikram 410, Rohit 383/12/0, Vijay 455, Sarasput 542.

ALLIED LANDING IN BORNEO

Advance In Philippines & Burma Continues

NEW YORK, May 1 (Reuter).—The Tokio Radio broadcast heard here today says Allied forces landed on the east coast of Borneo, late on Monday night.

CAR NICOBAR & PT. BLAIR SHELLED

NEW YORK, May 1 (Reuter).—Tokyo broadcast heard here today said "enemy fleet" shelled Car Nicobar in the Indian Ocean yesterday afternoon, and Point Blair in the Andamans last night.

The Tokyo radio says the landing was made in the Tarakan area and Allied troops are in "fierce combat" with Japanese forces.

An earlier attempted landing at noon was repulsed, the radio adds.

Reuter adds, Tarakan is on the east coast of Borneo, facing the Celebes sea, about 500 miles from the Philippine island of Mindanao.

Borneo, one of the largest islands in the East Indies, stands about halfway between the Philippines and Singapore. Oil refineries indispensable to the Japanese conduct of the war are scattered throughout the country. The Japanese completed the occupation of Borneo in March 1942.

Advance In Philippines

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On Northern Luzon American troops advanced five miles to capture La Trinidad, and others seized the Japanese strong point at Topside and Loacain airfield.

Mexican Army Unit Lands In Manila

MANILA, May 1 (Reuter): Commanded by Colonel Antonio Cardenas, the Mexican Expeditionary Air Force, the first Mexican army unit to fight outside Mexico, landed in Manila today where it will join the air war against the Japanese. It will be under the American Fifth Air Force fighter command.

Australian Advance Towards Wewak

MELBOURNE, May 1 (Reuter): The air and navy blows against the Japanese in northern New Guinea are synchronised with the continued coastal advance of the Australians towards Wewak army headquarters stated here.

Advance Towards Rangoon

Today's S.E.A.C. communique says: LAND: 14th Army Front: 400 British, American and Indian prisoners of war have been liberated in the drive south of Rangoon.

Operations to clear Pegu 51 miles north-east of Rangoon, are proceeding satisfactorily.

The main Japanese escape route from the Rangoon area, running north-east of Pegu over the Sittang river, has been cut.

CHURCHILL ON WAR POSITION

"Definitely More Satisfactory"

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter): Mr. Churchill, answering a question in the Commons today by Mr. Greenwood (Labour) said: "I have no special statement to make about the war position in Europe, except that it is definitely more satisfactory than it was this time five years ago (laughter). But should anything of importance reach Government during the four days of our sitting this week, as it might do, I will follow the precedents which have occurred in this war and ask the Speaker's permission to ask the indulgence of the House to interrupt business and make a brief announcement; but that would only occur if information of exceptional importance reached us.

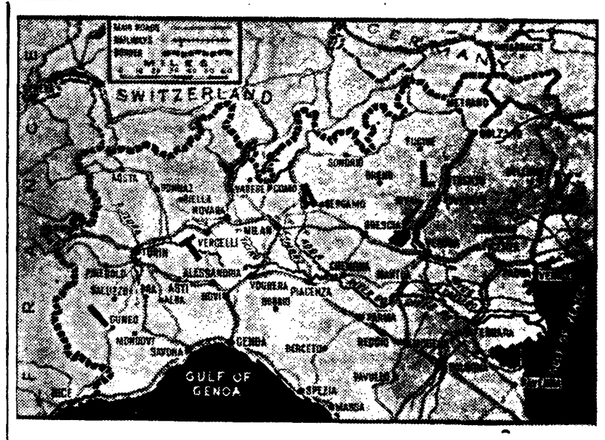
Ministers' Committee's Decisions

BOMBAY, April 30 (A.P.I.): The Committee of Ministers resumed its deliberations this morning under the chairmanship of the Nawab Sahib of Chhattari, says a Press Note issued by the Directorate of Public Relations —Chamber of Princes.

Discussions were mainly centred on the report of the Sub-Committee on Taxation on Industries in States and matters relating to post-war planning and industrial development so far as they affect the states.

The report of the Sub-Committee on representation of the States on All-India Committees and Empire and International Conferences was also considered.

The recommendations of the Committee on these subjects will now be placed before the Special Committee of Rulers which meets on May 3, under the presidentship of H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal.



Machinato Airfield Captured

Yanks Only 17 Miles Of Davao City

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, May 1. (Reuter): American troops have captured the important Machinato airfield on the west coast of Okinawa, Admiral Chester Nimitz states in to-day's "communique".

APPROACHING DAVAO

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On northern Luzon, American troops advanced five miles to capture La Trinidad, and others seized the Japanese strongpoint at topside and Loacan airfield. Japanese resistance in this area has practically ceased. General MacArthur added.

LONDON MONDAY, (Reuter): High tribute to the work of British nurses in India is paid by Lord Audley in a letter to the times to-day.

The validity of existing yarn dealers' licences in Bombay Province has been extended from April 30 until October 31 next.

Turin Falls To Allies

First Armoured Division Captures 12,000 Prisoners In 24 Hours

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ITALY. (Reuter).—A special communique issued late tonight said: "Troops of the 42nd infantry regiment composed of Americans of Japanese ancestry entered Turin this morning. The city had been previously captured by Italian partisan troops.

Pushing forward from bridgeheads over the Brents river, American troops of the Fifth Army took Cittadella and Bassano. Units of the 88th Infantry Division captured Friolo, and elements of 91st Infantry Division with the Sixth South African Armoured Division sped eastward to capture Treviso, north of Venice.

A mountain division crossed the lake in storm boats and captured Mussolini's former villa on the west shore at Gargnano, taking up positions north and south along the lake road.

Further west, armoured columns thrust beyond Milan, seizing crossings over the Ticino river.

Additional high ranking German officers were taken. The first armoured division captured over 12,000 prisoners in the past twenty-four hours.

"Troops of the British 13th Corps passed beyond Treviso advancing rapidly northward to capture intact an important bridge over the Piave near Nervesa."

ANOTHER MOLOTOV SURPRISE FOR 'FRISCO

(Continued from Page 1)

a rubber-stamp unity under the dominance of the big nations.

The memorial is expected to point out that lasting unity can only be based on justice and equality and that if the Conference recognized such a basis for future operations, it must also recognise that the aggrieved segments of humanity, including India's one-fifth of the world's population, must be satisfied before there can be real security.

It is expected to say that the problem transcends India's boundaries, because India is the cornerstone of the imperial system and thus affects peoples in other empires.

The memorial may say that the solution is easier than the Imperialists claim—involving a general amnesty and the formation of a coalition National Government on the basis of a Dominion Status for the duration of the war. Then the Constituent Assembly should be convoked at the end of the war to create a body to form a constitution which, when completed, should be considered binding by the British and Indians in the eyes of the new world organization.

MRS. PANDIT'S PROGRAMME

Associates of Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit said today that Mrs. Pandit will speak at San Diego on Thursday and in Los Angeles on Friday.

In Los Angeles Mrs. Pandit will be guest of honour at party of prominent Los Angeles Indians headed by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Watamull.

On Saturday Mrs. Pandit will address a gathering of Indian residents of Southern California. She will return to San Francisco on Sunday.

Did Molotov Hear Mrs. Pandit?

Twenty-three official delegates of Nations represented at the San Francisco Conference attended the rally here last week at which Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit spoke, according to her associates.

However, it is doubtful that the rumour that Foreign Commisar Vyachslav Molotov was among those present, they added.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Mrs. Pandit's associates are arranging for her to confer privately with some of the official delegates to the Conference, particularly the members of the U. S. group.

Devadas Gandhi Accuses Government

President J. J. Singh of the India League announced today that he has received a telegram from Devadas Gandhi, editor of the "Hindustan Times", New Delhi, asserting that the Government of India twice has rejected Mr. Devadas Gandhi's request that his special correspondent, Mr. Durgadas, be allowed to come to this city to report the United Nations Conference.

Devadas added that while his request was being turned down "on untenable grounds", two other correspondents representing "anti-national newspapers" had been provided with facilities to go to the conference and were on their way. He said the two "anti-national" press men who now are 'en route' to this city should not be confused with the Indian journalists who already have arrived here and are reporting the conference for their newspapers.

Negroes Demand Racial Equality

American Negro organizations have started a lively campaign here designed to induce the United Nations Conference to take a firm stand in favour of racial equality.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President of the American League of Negro Women, which claims a membership of 800,000, issued a statement to the press today in which she asserted that half a million negro soldiers now in the American armed forces will demand equality when they return home.

Negro war veterans "will not stand mistreatment as their fathers did after the last war—they have had fear removed from them on the battlefield", the statement said.

Another statement noted that there is only one negro on the U. S. Civil Service Commission and called on the United Nations to end imperialism in Africa and give the natives of that continent an opportunity for "free and unhampered self-government." The statement urged an international trusteeship to replace British rule in those parts of Africa where Britain has colonies.

Trusteeship For Palestine

Congressman Emmanuel Celler of New York asserted today in a letter he sent the U. S. delegation to the San Francisco Conference that Britain had forfeited her trust in Palestine and, therefore, no longer was entitled to be the sole administrator in that country.

The question of "international trusteeship for mandated territories applies most significantly to Palestine", Mr. Cellar added.

Not Anti-British But Pro-Indian

SAN FRANCISCO, (Monday) (Reuter): Mr. J. J. Singh, the President of the India League of America made this comment to Reuter on M. Molotov's reference to India in yesterday's extraordinary debate on the Security Conference: "I am very pleased someone has brought up the question of the future of the freedom of India. I wish it had been India's Delegate who had done so, instead of a Foreign Power.

I am very happy at the demonstration made by the public, when M. Molotov referred to the fact that some day there will be a representation of Free India.

It would be wrong to consider that an anti-British demonstration. I believe it was just a pro-Indian demonstration."

Argentina To Be Invited To United Nations' Security Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30 (Reuter): The plenary session unanimously adopted M Molotov's resolution that White Russia and Ukraine be admitted to the conference.

The plenary session of the United Nations Security Conference voted to invite Argentina to the conference. The voting was 31 in favour and four against.

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter): The plenary session of the San Francisco Conference voted to invite Argentina to the conference according to a radio flash received here.

Another crisis has been avoided as in the earlier stages the efforts of Latin American countries to have an invitation issued to Argentina threatened to create another deadlock. M. Molotov is reported to have been prepared to invite Argentina on condition that the War saw Government was also asked, but Britain and America were known to be against such a proposal.

LADIES IN BLUE

Indian Red Cross Welfare Service

An organisation which exists for the welfare of the sick, wounded and convalescent men of the fighting forces is that of the Indian Red Cross Welfare Service.

While the work has been carried on to a certain extent for the past few years it is less than a year since this Red Cross Service came into existence. The work of recruiting and training is being carried on actively and daily more work is being undertaken by this well-trained and disciplined body of women. The Commanding Officers of the hospitals, the matrons and the patients are constantly asking for more workers.

W.V.S. CO-OPERATION

At present the aim of the Red Cross Headquarters is to allow one welfare worker for every 250 patients but this number may have to be augmented as the welfare workers are undertaking more and more work.

In many Hospitals, Welfare work has been carried on by the Women's Voluntary Service the (W.V.S.) but there were many areas where this service was not available; it was moreover not always possible for members of the W.V.S. to give the necessary full time to the work nor were they always able, for domestic reasons, to work all the year round. Now, however, a very pleasant practical arrangement has been arrived at, whereby the W.V.S. can work along with the Indian Red Cross Service and give as much of their time as they can spare to welfare work in the hospitals—this co-operation is greatly appreciated by all and is working well.

The Indian Red Cross Welfare Service was brought into being in order to extend the assistance already being given to British and Indian Hospitals particularly in regions where little or nothing had been previously done.

Women may join for local or for general service when they may be sent to forward areas—already members are serving in the South East Asia Command, in Burma, in the Middle East and 'Paiforce.' It is a great boon to the Indian soldier serving overseas to be greeted by the Indian Red Cross Welfare workers. Many of them are Indian ladies and all workers, at any rate, speaking Indian dialects.

"LADIES IN BLUE"

The welfare workers are all given officer status and receive an extensive training of six weeks where they have lectures from Matrons, Army Officials, officers of the Red Cross and St. John Headquarters staff and others. There are members belonging to nearly every community and women from 23 years of age and upwards (middle-aged workers are doing splendid work since their experience of life, their broad sympathies and matured womanly qualities are of special service in the work). The uniforms are a cheerful, clear blue and the saris of the same colour which leads to their being popularly called the 'ladies in blue.' All are working under the inspiring emblems of the Red Cross and the age-old Order of St. John of Jerusalem and all are very proud to do so.

The work the welfare workers undertake is wide and includes Red Cross store keeping, Library organisations, the superintendence of kitchens and diets, entertainments for patients, letter-writing and shopping for them, progress reports to anxious relatives and so on. An important part of the work is dealing with enquiries about wounded and missing and the 'searching' service is also undertaken.

DIVERSIONAL THERAPY

Healing through handicrafts is also an important part of the training and work, the so-called 'Diversional Therapy,' and both Indian and British patients enjoy this greatly. They learn to do wood-carving, leather-working, toy-making, knitting, embroidery, weaving, modelling and so on and thus the weary time in bed is whiled away. There is nothing better for restoring body, spirit and mind than this hand-work which they learn from the Indian Red Cross Welfare Workers. They enjoy not only doing it but it gives them great joy to make beautiful and useful articles of dress and household goods for their mothers, wives and children.

Lady Hutton, wife of Lieut. General Sir Thomas Hutton, who returned to India recently after studying welfare work in England, has been appointed Director of the Indian Red Cross Welfare Service. She is a distinguished Doctor of Medicine and had already graduated before the last Great War when she had six years service under war conditions in Yugoslavia (Serbia as it then was) and in the Crimea in Russia with the Scottish Women's Hospitals. She was C.O. of Hospitals at Ostrove, Vranya Belgrade and later Sebastopol in the Crimea.

She also founded the Thrift Shop —an original idea which has now spread over India and has resulted in much money being collected for War Charities.

POST-WAR PLANS

Lady Hutton has just returned from a tour of inspection during which she has lectured at the Indian Red Cross Welfare Schools at Secunderabad, Bangalore, Madras and Lucknow. She has plans for the continuance of the Service in Hospitals for many years after the war and hopes that this service will be carried on in civil hospitals when peace comes. More Indian ladies of good education are still needed for the work and they are coming forward slowly but surely. This body of women of the Indian Red Cross Service will co-operate, having had training and experience, to peace-times requirements.

INDIA'S PROBLEM OF CONSTITUTION

"Strong Federal Govt.: Only Solution

BARODA, May 1 (U.P.I.): Sir B. L. Mitter, the Dewan, presiding over the Dhara Sabha session said:

"I am convinced", continued Sir Brojendra, "that the only solution to the constitutional problem of India lies in the establishment of a strong Federal Government. It is the only system which achieves uniformity of legislation, policy and administration throughout the country in respect of matters where uniformity is desirable and, at the same time, makes possible diversity where diversity is desirable by reason of the varying economic and other conditions within individual units. If ever the Indian States care to make their influence felt into the polity of India they must so adjust themselves that both in respect of size and population they form units, as nearly as possible, equal to provinces in British India. In such a union the very small States can have no place. Since isolations under modern conditions is impossible, the only way in which the very small States and estates can at least prolong, if not perpetuate, their existence is their voluntary association with some bigger State."

The Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India has announced that, owing to small-pox the Government of Ceylon has imposed quarantine restrictions on passengers arriving by sea and air from Vizagapatam.

Cripps Denies It

LONDON, May 1. (Reuter): Mr. E. Fraser, Reuter's political correspondent writes:—Sir Stafford Cripps, Minister of Aircraft Production, authorises me to deny categorically the report from India suggesting that he is preparing a solution of the Indian problem consisting of a combination of the Zafrulla Khan, Professor Reginald Coupland and Cripps' plans.

Sir Stafford Cripps, author of the famous 1942 plan for Indian self-government, at his office to-day told me that the report was entirely without foundation.

"Haw-Haw" On Himmler's Offer

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, May 1.

According to a Berne message, Hitler died yesterday noon.

It was reported from the Swiss Frontier that Laval, after trying for as long as a week to enter Switzerland becoming panicky as the French were driving diwn the shores, of Lake Constance in his direction yesterday he begged a Swiss Red Cross worker to get him an entry-permit. When refused, he burst into tears and said: "You condemn me to death."

Lord Haw Haw alias William Joyce in a radio swan-song from Hamburg, indirectly referring to Himmler's offer, says the cessation of hostilities would not bring more than temporary respite, since the great struggle against Japan is still ahead whilst in the background Soviet Imperialism is raising its head to stake claim in Europe. Haw-Haw spoke slower than usual, coughing constantly.

German Zeppelin Centre Occupied

S.H.A.E.F., Paris, May 1 (Reuter): The German Zeppelin centre, Friedrichshafen, has been occupied by Allied troops, reports today's S.H.A.E.F. 'communique.'

The Allied hold in Austria now extends to a width of 20 miles and an average depth of five miles. From the Iller river west to Wangen, an advance of up to ten miles has been made.

Allied troops have made a new crossing of the Czechoslovak border northeast of Cham the 'communique' said that a new link-up between the Ninth Army and the Red Army has been made at Appollensdorf west of Wittenburg.

In A Matter Of Hours

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"The war will probably last only a few hours more."

The latest Reuter cables show that there is still stubborn resistance in one of the fragments of the Reich, particularly at the northern edge round the ports.

Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery's armies are moving in for Kiel and the big ports of Hamburg, Bremerhaven Wilhelmshaven, and Emden are entering their last days of life.

Red Army troops sweeping across the northern plain have taken important towns west of Stettin including Neustarelitz in the lake country and Griefswald, a Baltic port.

Marshal Rokossovsky is now 50 miles from Rostock. In Czechoslovakia, Russian forces are at the centre of Moravska Ostrava a key point in the German defence system.

United States third army tanks are attacking along the 20 miles stretch of the Austrian border between the Danube and the Swiss Frontier.

NAZI HQRS. NOT YET REACHED

The Germans still fighting on are either fanatics or automatons. White flags—and then red flags—are going up over the city all time. The final stage of this greatest of all street battles is marked by such destruction as a few cities have endured since the days of Pompei. It is becoming simpler to pick out relatively undamaged buildings rather than those which are wrecked.

So far the Red Army does not appear to have reached the German Headquarters, but its location is believed to be known and every effort will be made to secure any German war leaders remaining in the Capital when the last shots are fired.

The "United Press of America" adds: Press and radio reports from Stockholm today said that Himmler's surrender of Germany to the Allies—Russia included—would be delivered 'via' Sweden in a mater of hours.

These reports had to be taken with great reserve and utmost caution.

Rationing Cards For Burma

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, May 1.

The Government of India have declined to supply wheat or sugar to the Burma Government. The latter have appointed a civilian from the Food Department to acquire first hand knowledge of food control and rationing. Rationing cards on the Delhi pattern are already being printed.

No Recognition Of Austrian Provincial Govt.

U. S. Acting Secretary Of State Says Issue Is Being Taken Up With U. S. S. R.

WASHINGTON, April 30 (Reuter):—The U. S. Government does not recognise the provisional Moscow sponsored Austrian Government, the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, declared in a statement to-day.

Mr. Grew added that the whole question was being taken up with the Government of the U. S. S. R. whose troops are now in occupation of Vienna.

Reuter adds: The Austrian Provisional Government, comprising representatives of all democratic parties and a few non-party men, was formed in Vienna during the week-end and is generally understood to have the backing of the Soviet Government which announced its formation.

"HIGH SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY"

Indian Merchants' Vice-President Commends Master's Work

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Glowing tributes were paid by Mr. Mahomed Hashan Premji, Vice-President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, to the services of Mr. Nagindas Master as the Mayor of Bombay, speaking at a dinner at the Willingdon Club last night.

"It is said", Mr. Premji said, "that the achievement of a soldier are not measured when he draws his armour but they are tested and recounted when he drops it off. Now that Mr. Nagindas Master has finished his term of office, one can say that he has done his best to serve the city ably and efficiently. No Mayor, to my knowledge, started his period of office under such grave difficulties as Mr. Master. The manner in which he worked and brought the much-needed relief to the distressed after the Bombay dock explosions shows not only his human sympathy and understanding but his power of organisation, his capacity for hard work, his high sense of civic responsibility and above all, his ability to handle men and situation for creating harmony all round."

Mr. Master, thanking the host said that the measure of success he had achieved was largely due to the co-operation he got from all the sections of the Corporation.

Sabha Candidate For Punjab Assembly Bye-election

LAHORE, May 1 (U.P.I.): The Executive Committee of the Provincial Hindu Sabha nominated Mr. Balishah as its candidate for the ensuing bye-election to the Punjab Assembly from the Lahore non-Mahomedan Urban Constituency which seat has fallen vacant by the death of Lala Dunichand.

Bhai Parmanand was elected President of the Provincial Hindu Sabha in place of Raja Narendranath who died recently.

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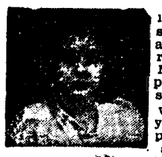

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Food Problem For United Nations Grave

World Supplies And Distribution Conference Urges Immediate Solution

LONDON, April 30 (Reuter).—The problem of food is one of the most urgent now facing the United Nations, says a preliminary statement by representatives of Great Britain, Canada and the United States issued tonight after the recent combined conference in Washington on world supplies and distribution.

The statement adds that unless the United Nations solve the food problem, millions throughout the world will meet disillusionment and disappointment following in wake of victory.

KING LEOPOLD'S RESCUE

Diplomatic Negotiations Going On In Liechtenstein

Saint Margarethen, Swiss Frontier, April 30 (Reuter): Reports are circulating here to-night that important diplomatic negotiations have been taking place in the principality of Liechtenstein to-day.

It is believed that they are connected with attempts to rescue King Leopold of the Belgians which have been in progress for some weeks.

INDIA MAY PURCHASE NEW FLEET OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT

WASHINGTON, April 26(U.P.A.): Mr. F. T. Cambridge, the Indian airways executive who has been attending the international air traffic conference in Havana, left here today for Los Angeles where he tentatively plans to negotiate the purchase of a new fleet of aircraft for India.

Mr. Cambridge will stop 'en route' at Kansas City, Mo., operating headquarters for the American Transcontinental and Western Air Lines (TWA), to study TWA optrations and methods. He may visit aircraft factories at Wichita, Kan. and other places in the Kansas City area.

Mr. Cambridge said that despite reports in trade journals that ha was buying planes in Britain on his way home to India no decision on this matter had been reached. "I am going to buy planes where they are available," he said.

The executive said that for a few years India is not likely to engage in international air competition unless she is forced to do through the exigencies of reciprocity agreements. For the next three years or so Indian traffic will require nothing larger than 21-seat planes such as the Douglas DC3.

There is at present in India a maximum of only about one million persons who will travel by air, the executive said, and it is too much to expect that air transport fares in India can be reduced to a level such as that foreseen in the United States immediately after the war.

American air lines can have cheap operating costs because of their large volume of business, Mr. Cambridge said, but in India, in the foreseeable future, business will not be large and operating costs, therefore, will be fairly high in proportion to the total volume of business.

Battle Of Redoubts

LONDON, April 27 (Globe): "The Bavarian Mountains are becoming a Nazi concentration camp—with the Nazis inside", says the "Daily Express" to-day.

"The last battles of the German war—those of the Redoubts—have begun. The Germans in Italy, smashed at last, are streaming back towards the Tyrol. The armies smashed by the Americans are in the Redoubt already. So are the remnants of the armies smashed by the Russians.

"What is the real strength of this much-vaunted Redoubt now that its real test has begun? There are said to be over 100 German divisions gathered there. But divisions is the wrong word for many of these bits and pieces and flying splinters of what were once military formations.

"Redoubt is also the wrong word. The Bavarian mountains are becoming a Nazi concentration camp with the Nazis inside. And the more they are together the sooner and the more completely will the war be won.

"The hope that the war may be prolonged for another year in the mountains and that Europe will be saddled with a monstrous robber and gangster headquarters in the Alps no longer exists even in the Nazi mind.

"There is no future whatever for the Nazis in the mountains, not even deep inside the solid rock of Berchtesgaden.

"The end will be as melodramatic as Hitler can make it, but it is very close at hand now."

Smoke rises from the ruins in the important city of Essen, Germany, which was captured by troops of the 17th U. S. Airborne Division on April 10, 1945, against only slight enemy resistance. The Krupp steel works, the largest in Europe, were pounded by Allied planes and artillery of the Ninth U. S. Army before the city fell. Essen, with a peacetime population of 670,000 and situated in the midst of one of the world's richest hard coal deposits, has been called the arsenal of Germany.

Alexander 'En Route' To Vienna

LONDON, April 30 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Mediterranean Commander-in-Chief, is reported in well-informed diplomatic circles to be going to Vienna to discuss issues arising from the formation of the Austrian Provisional Government with the Soviet Authorities, writes John Jimche, Reuter's special correspondent.

The British and American Governments feel that an agreement is necessary on the highest level to facilitate the rather complicated plans for Austria.

Field Marshal Alexander's mission, it is believed, is aimed to clear the way for joint operations of the Austrian Control Commission. The British and American sections of this body have been waiting for over two weeks to leave for Vienna, but apparently there have been difficulties from Russian quarters which have prevented their departure.

NADIR OF HUMAN DEGRADATION

M. P's. Say 51,572 Were Killed At Buchenwald

LONDON, April 27 (Reuter): The unanimous opinion of the British Parliamentary Delegation which visited a German concentration camp at Buchenwald was that a policy of steady starvation and inhuman brutality was carried out for a long time and that such camps as this mark the lowest point of degradation to which humanity has yet descended."

The delegation which was made up of members of all parties said that the memory of what they saw and heard at Buchenwald would haunt them ineffaceably for many years.

Their report which was issued as a State Paper today says that a detailed report presented to the delegation by representatives of the anti-Fascist Committee stated that up to April, 1, the total number of those who died or had been killed at Buchenwald or immediately on removal therefrom to the subsidiary "extermination camps", was 51,572—at least 17,000 of them since January 1, 1945.

The delegation's report said that one hut had been used as a brothel to which higher grade prisoners were allowed to resort to twenty minutes at a time. Women in this brothel were prisoners from other camps induced by threats and promises of better treatment to become prostitutes but subsequently killed.

Delegates from India to the International Cotton Advisory Committee which met in Washington on April 2. (left to right): Mr. S. K. Kirpalani, Government of India Trade Commissioner and acting head of the India Supply Mission to the U. S.; and Mr. S. D. Chard, Cotton Advisor to the Government of India in Bombay.—(Usowi photo)

PLANS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Kynnersley On The Role Of Engineers

Mr. T. R. S. Kynnersley, in the course of a talk recently given to the Bombay Centre of the Institution of Engineers (India) at Ilaco House on "Village Development", said:—

"There are some 700,000 villages in India, and the past majority of villagers are existing at a very low subsistence level.

"In this connection, it is pointed out that India grows only 800 lbs. of rice per acre, against 1,450 lbs. in the U. S. A. and 3,000 lbs. in Italy.

"In the case of milk. In spite of the fact that India has two hundred million cattle, one for every two human beings, the yield per cow is extremely small; being just over two lbs a day compared with the corresponding yield of 20.5 lbs. in Holland, and 15 lbs. in England. The fat content of the milk of the Indian cow is greater than that of the milk of the western cow, but this does not nearly make up for the lack of yield.

We must recognise the fact therefore, that progress is mainly going on, in the towns and cities. By comparison with Russia, America, and the United Kingdom the output per acre of all agricultural products is extremely low, and until the general standard is raised, it is doubtful if the food position which is after all a question for every one, can be materially improved. You may ask me in what way is this a subject for discussion by a body of engineers. My reply is that engineers are the very people who ought to be the first to give assistance.

The main immediate requirements of the villagers are water supply, housing, sanitation, general cleanliness and access.

Good hard roads or trackways should be made from the centre of the village radiating outwards as required and these roads should be provided with proper drainage so that they can be readily maintained and kept clean. Connecting village to village and to railway station or main road, there must also be permanent and readily maintained trackways or roads.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

Here we have a vast field for the engineer and scientist, as well as for our legislators. Collective farming has been a great success in many countries of the world, and there is no reason why it should not be a success in India. It will mean a radical change of ideas on the part of the people, but if success is to be obtained, such change of ideas is absolutely necessary. Once collective farming is introduced, it will be possible for machinery to take the place of many of the old-fashioned implements in use to-day. Agricultural experts exist, who know what ought to be done. Machinery suppliers will be ready shortly to supply the necessary tools, but the desire for improvement must come from the villager himself, therefore, the first step appears to be to educate him and his family to demand a higher standard of living.

Here we are reminded of the great Tennessee Valley project in America, which was very clearly shown recently in Bombay, by an excellent cinema picture. From this we learn that when the project was mooted, the villagers mainly objected to interference with their private lives, their old-time methods. These objections were finally broken down by one or two far-seeing farmers, who participated in the new work, thereby enriching themselves to a very great extent. The objectors seeing the value of the project through actual results, changed their minds, and became fully enthusiastic themselves. Such projects can very well be introduced in this country, but they will need not only Government aid, and Legislation, but a considerable amount of educative effort to break down the conservatism of the existing farmers. Here again individual members of the Institution can help, for every time they go on leave to the villages, they can use their knowledge and experience to explain to the villagers the value of improved methods of agriculture and co-ordinated effort. In this way the true seeds of advance will be sown. Provincial Governments and Indian States are gradually recognising the necessity of revolutionising their methods in dealing with the villager and education of the peasant.

LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRIES

Lastly I will refer briefly to the known desirability of introducing large-scale industries into the country. There is no doubt that industrialists should be encouraged and guided by the Central Government, to open up heavy industries, but where possible these should be situated away from existing towns, though they must be near railways and preferably on the national highway grid for easy access, but wherever they are placed, may I plead for proper town plannings of these new centres right from the start, and in this planning our engineers can surely help."

End Of Black-Out In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, April 30 (A.P.I.)—The 4-year-old "Black-out" in Calcutta will be lifted tonight.

Making this announcement a Press Note issued by the Government of Bengal states that all restrictions on motor vehicles, house and street lighting imposed by the lighting restrictions order are now removed.

A Press Note adds: Air raid shelters provided by or at the instance of Government—whether parabolic masonry shelters or shelters protected by blast walls—are being retained for the present. Blast walls constructed by members of the public for their own protection may be removed at the discretion.

Arrangements are being made to fill in the slit trenches before the monsoon breaks.

Air raid warning arrangements and active or defence measures will continue and action in accordance with the previous instructions should be taken in the event of the siren sounding, the press note concludes.

KHER STRESSES CHARACTER-BUILDING

POONA, April 30 (A.P.I).

The plea that the education imparted to our young men and women should lay as great a stress on the building of their character as on the training of their mind and body was made by Mr B G Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay, opening today the Summer School organised by the Students Sub-Committee of the Maharashtra Congress Constructive Committee for the student workers of Maharashtra.

Mr Kher advised the students "not to be carried away by the political turmoil in the country but devote their time to their studies understanding with an open mind the various social, political and other problems facing them". "They must be, however, always ready" he added, "to answer their country's call, in its struggle for freedom".

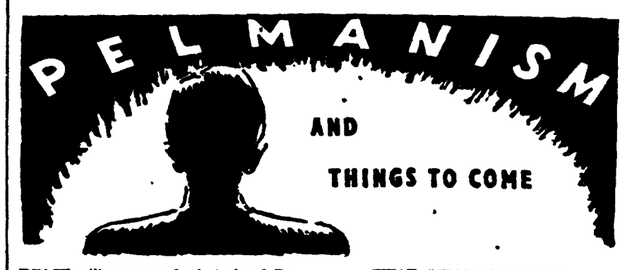
Nearly 70 student workers from Maharashtra will receive training in this school, which will last for three weeks, in the understanding and carrying out the constructive programme of the Congress in reference to students organisation and activities.

Operation Of Tobacco Acts Suspended

The operation of the Tobacco Duty (Town of Bombay) Act of 1857 and the Bombay (District) Tobacco Act of 1933 has been suspended until March 31, 1948.

The levy by the Government of India of a central excise duty on tobacco makes it undesirable on administrative and other grounds to have two schemes of taxation, one Central and the other Provincial, and as the offer of the compensation made by the Government of India 'inter alia' for the complete withdrawal of, and abstention from, all forms of Provincial taxation on tobacco within this Province, in the first instance until March 31, 1948, has been accepted by the Government of Bombay, it has been decided to suspend the operation of the Tobacco Duty (Town of Bombay) Act, 1857, and the Bombay (District) Tobacco Act, 1933 up to that date.

An Act for this purpose is published in the 'Bombay Government Gazette' of April 26. This Act also provides for a refund of the proportionate licence fees for the unexpired period of any tobacco licence granted under the two Acts which have been suspended



PEACE will come and what then? Reconstruction, reorganising and adapting one's self and affairs to swift-changing conditions; and the man or woman who can think clearly and make a sound survey of the situation, as it varies from time to time, is the one who is going to see and seize the opportunities that make for a happier more secure and contented life. Not only that, he or she will be the better able to enjoy the blessings of peace—freedom art literature, recreation—to the full.

It may be that frustration, disillusionment, disappointment or anxiety may come your way; if unfortunately it does then with a mind trained to meet the vagaries and vicissitudes the troubles, and turmoil of everyday life you will be in a position to speedily overcome these hindrances and setbacks; and eventually be free to devote all your mental energies to attain a fuller, richer and happier life. As you think so you act; prepare yourself now—train your mind—for things to come.

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Steel And Mill Shares Decline On Unloading

PARTIAL RECOVERY IN BULLION AFTER EARLY DROP

Cotton Tenders Of 4,700 Bales Against May Contract

BOMBAY, May 1.

After initial steadiness, the Bombay Stock Exchange ruled quiet with increased liquidation influenced by excellent war news. Selling first started in Steel shares and later assumed general nature and Mill shares also had a good shake out despite all talk of good prospects of the textile industry. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. lost Rs. 24/- Ordinary Rs. 4/- Bombay Dyeings Rs. 10/- and Kohinoors Rs. 7/-.

Bullion market was easy during the early part but later recorded partial rally on short covering. Cotton market did not do any business. Tenders of 4,700 bales were issued against May contract. It appears that professional operators who took up tenders in March will control prices this season. Their extensive sales both short and hodges, enable them to grab huge profits by transferring from one delivery to another and establish their virtual control over the cotton market.

The local Share Bazar was again quiet with further long liquidation in Steel shares while cotton textile shares ruled steady with moderate business passing. It seems that professional operators are pressing sales in Steel shares and naturally their offerings are shaking confidence. Outside participation still continues very restricted and weekly settlements do not offer any attraction for quick turns. Thus most of the business is inter-bazar trading among members.

Tata Steel Defds. opened to-day at Rs. 2032 against previous close at Rs. 2,050 and improved to Rs. 2,037 under scattered buying but soon declined to Rs. 2025 under renewed liquidation. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 381 and improved to Rs. 383 but declined to Rs. 380. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1820 against 2015 steadied at Rs. 2026 Ordinary Shares after touching Rs 377/8 closed at Rs 379. Bombay Dyeing closed at about the lowest level of the day at Rs. 1810 Kohinoors were placed at Rs 598

GOLD & SILVER

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 25,000 tolas gold at 73/15 and 300 bars silver at Rs. 127/9. It is understood that sales of silver will be reduced to 250 bars to-morrow and this reduction in daily sale influenced some buying.

Forward Gold opened today at Rs. 73/10 and declined to Rs. 72/12 under increased long liquidation and later steadied at Rs. 73/4 on moderate covering. Ready Gold was quoted at a premium of annas twelve at Rs. 74.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 128/4 and advanced to Rs. 129 on buying influenced by reduction in sales tomorrow and later steadied at Rs. 128/12. Next settlement was quoted at Rs. 128 while ready silver commanded a premium of annas six over the current settlement. The market was influenced by favourable war news.

Later on there was increased demand and quotations rallied and closed as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Gold	74	6	0
Gold Settlement	73	10	0
Ready Silver	130	0	0
Current Settlement	129	10	0
Next Settlement	128	10	0

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHUJ, May 1.

Today Hundi Koris 366 Gold Rs 71/4.

BOMBAY COTTON

The local cotton market was unofficially closed today.

To-day 4,700 bales were tendered against May contract and July was privately quoted at Rs. 428.

High And Low Cotton Prices

BOMBAY, April 30.

I C C May Highest 411 Lowest 405 Closing at 6 p m 410-1/4

I C C July Highest 428 Lowest 422-1/2 Closing at 6 p m 427-1/4

I C C Sept. Highest 440-1/2 Lowest 435-1/2 Closing at 6 p m 440-1/4

Karachi 4E May Highest 41/15/6 Lowest 41/4/6 Closing at 6 p m 41/11/0

Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton May Contract is 706 cent points below N. Y. May at Exchange rate 331.

Bombay Produce

BOMBAY, May 1.

The market was quietly steady with a restricted business. Offices were inclined to settle open contracts at current quotations groundnuts Khandesh quality Rs 13/14 and Goa delivery Rs 13/12. Castorseeds Bombay and Goa were placed at Rs 15/13 and Navlakhi at Rs. 15/12. Linseed C. P. and U P, and G I P was quoted at Rs 16/6. Satara small at Rs 16/4/6. Groundnut Oil Wagon condition was quoted at Rs 10/2.

Produce Receipts

BOMBAY, May 1.

Cotton Bales	19261
Linseed cwts	3520
Groundnuts cwts	39807
Castorseeds cwts	4937

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, May 1.

Tata Ordinary 379 Tata Deferred 2026/4 Indian Iron 39/1 Steel Corpn. or Bengal 32 Bombay Dyeing 1811/4 Central India 370 Century 900 Gokak 286/14 Kohinoor 599/6 Simplex 261 Andhra Valley 1720 Tata Hydro 203/2 Tata Power 1845 Associated Cement 230 Belapur 213/2 Bombay Burma

Chicago Grain Prices Lower

CHICAGO, April 30 (U P A): Prices were irregular to lower at the close of trading in the Chicago grain market today. Quotations on wheat and coarse grains steadied after early faltering but the volume of trading fell off as prices advanced. Mill buying of wheat reappeared because of expectations of further army orders and reports that Britain is seeking substantial supplies of lour in the Canadian domestic market.

Delivery	Previous	April 30
May	1.73 1/8	1.74 3/8 to 1/4
July	1.63 1/2 to 3/8	1.64 3/8 to 1/4

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, May 1.

MILLS

Apollo 3/13 3/12/6 3/13 3/12
Bharat 62
B. Dyeing 1812/8 28/12 21/4 31/4 22/8 2b 15 18/12 10
Central India (Ord) 371 72/8 71/8 72/8 70/8 71
Century 900
Colaba 215 17 15
Edward Textile 610 17/8 7/8 8/12
Elphinstone (Ord) 84
Elphinstone (Pref) 125/10
Finlay 288/8 88 89 86 (Ex. Div)
Gokak 288/8 92 89 90 84/8 86
India United Defd 3 2/15/3
India United Ord 14/5 14/4/6 14/6 14/2/6 14/4 14/3
Indore 712/8 21/8 15 20 13/12
Kohinoor 603 6 3 5/8 597/8 600 598
Luxmi 1350 47/8
Madhusudan 402/8 1/4 2/8
Mayer 195 97/8 95 96/4
Minerva 235
Morarjee 690 91/4
New Great 373 71/8 74 70 71/8
Simplex 263/8 66 62/8 65 60/8 61/8 60/8
Swadeshi 516 18/8 16 18 14 15
Swan 310 8 9. (Ex. Div)
Tata Mills 55/8 55/12 55
Vishnu 490
Shrinivas (Ord) 350

BANKS:

Baroda 137 36/8
Central 78
Dena Bank 67
Imperial (Old) 1980
Imperial (New) 493/12
India 184
National (P P) 36/12
Reserve 133/8

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 240/10 37/8 40
Andhra Valley 1720
Tram (Ord) 144/4 44/8
Surat 241/4 (Ex. Div)
Hydro (Ord) 202/8 3 2/8
Power (Ord) 1845

INSURANCE

Empire 1300
Jupiter 26
New India 76/12 77
Bombay Steam 542/8
Scindia 33/8 33/9 33/6 33/7 32/11 33/1
Jam Wire 142
Tata Steel Defd 2032/8 42/8 32/8 32/12 25 37/8 32/8 45 30 33/12 15 25 21/4 26/4
Tata Steel Ord 381 80 82/8 82 83/8 79/8 81/8 79/8 80/8 77/8 79
Tata Steel 1st Pref 223/12
Tata Steel 2nd Pref 162/4 63 62/12

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 412/8 13/12
A. Cement 230/8 29/12 30/12 29/12 30
Belapur 214 14/8 13/8
Burmah (Old) 513/12 30
Burmah (New) 190 91/4 90
B. B. Petrol 5/4 5/3/9 5/4
Indian Bleaching 160/8 (Ex. Div)
I. I. Trust 114
P Construction (Ord) 206 4 4/8
Shivrajpur 50/8
Tata Chemical 18/8 18 18/6
Tata Oil 66 66/4
Western India Match 322/8
Dawn Mills 1085 80 (Ex Div)
Hindustan Mills 3610

previous closing at the same level and improved to Rs. 1826 under scattered buying but when the demand was satisfied quotation again quietened at Rs. 1820. Kohinoor Mill shares opened at Rs. 598 and steadied at Rs. 605.

Later on the market was quiet with increased selling pressure in Cotton Mills Shares. The market is preparing for an end of the European War but selling was mostly of a routine nature. Tata Steel Dfds after declining to Rs.

Trade Price Fixing On New York Cotton Exchange

NEW YORK, April 30.

Cotton opened quiet and unchanges to four points down and then declined on scattered weekend liquidation and hedges attributable to expected Germany collapse any moment and uncertainties in connection with the 1945 crop programmes. Prices subsequently steadied on price fixing in near months and trade buying on expectations of a higher MidApril parity price and emphasis on bullish spot and textile news. Latterly prices ruled steady on covering and in sympathy with securities and grains and on persistent drippling of price fixing in near months. Early capitulation of Germany appeared to have been practically discounted by the market which closed very steady at four points to one point higher.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, May 1

May	22.90+03
July	22.65+04
July highest (2-50 p m)	22.67+06
July lowest (10-2 a m)	22.59—02
October	22.10+04
December	21.99+03
January	21.96—03
March	21.91+03
May	21.83—
July	21.61—
Middling Spot	23.18+04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May	22.87+04
July	22.63+02
October	22.09+03
December	21.98+04
January	
March	21.91+05
Middling Spot	22.25+05

NOON CALL

May	22.85
July	22.62
October	22.04

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, April 30.

T T London On:
New York sellers 4.02.1/2 buyers 4.03-1/2 Madrid official 44.00 Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47 Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4 Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON WHEAT.

LONDON, April 30.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe New Crop) 52 Sept/October nominal
Wheat Australian (Bulk) unoffered
Wheat Australian (Bags) unoffered

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, April 30.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	72-3/4
Consols 2-1/2 p c	83.15/16
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-3/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p c	103-13/16
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-3/4
Victory Bonds 4 p c	114-1/16
Chartered Bank Of I A & China	12-1/4
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	89
National Bank of India	43-1/2

New York Stocks Higher

NEW YORK, April 30 (U P A): Prices were generally higher at the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange today. Trading was active with shares in the motors companies leading the market. Chrysler motors gained three points to establish a new high. The demand foe motors shares reflected a widespread belief that there will be a tremendous public demand for automobiles immediately after the war.

Shares in most of the so-called "peace" companies were strong and prices higher. Those of the war groups also gained but at a slower rate. Steels were higher.

Closing prices included:

Company	Previous	April 30
American Tel and Tel	165 3/8	165 3/8
Anaconda Copper	34	34
Douglas Aircraft	78	77 3/4
General Motors	69 1/4	69 3/4
Pennsylvania Ry.	38 3/4	38 3/4
U S Steel, Common	67 3/4	68 3/8

New York Cloth Market Inactive

NEW YORK, April 30 (U P A): Trading was inactive on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth market again today as dealers tried to appraise the effect of the impending military victory in Europe. Mill men said they expected inactivity to continue because of Government regulations and uncertainty about the future cost of production.

New York Bank Stocks

NEW YORK, April 30 (U P A): Quotations on shares in leading New York banks were slightly higher at the close of business in the over-the-counter market today. Closing prices for National City Bank of New York shares were:

Bid, Previous 41 3/4; Asked 43 1/2
Bid, April 30 41 3/4; Asked 43 1/4

Sales Of Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 1st May. Total amount offered was Rs. 7,66,50,000—(Rupees seven crores sixty-six lakhs fifty thousand only). Tenders at Rs. 99-14-3 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-14-0 allotted approximately 18 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. Four Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-6-11 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 8th May, in Bombay upto 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and upto the close of business on Monday the 7th May, at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday the 11th May. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 27th April Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 1,01,00,000—(Rupees one crore one lakh only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS

CALICUT, May 1.

Cocoanuts Raw Rs 75 Dry Rs. 82/8 Cocoanut oil Rs. 312/8 Copra Office Rs. 180 Dilpasand Rs. 195 Madrasnottam Rs 220 Goodgooda Rs. 215 Pepper Wynaad Rs 370 Country Rs 367/8 Dryginger Chernad Rs 255 Ernad Rs 240 Coffee Robusta Rs 84.

SIKHS WANT TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENT ENTITY

Tara Singh Criticises Sapru Committee's Recommendations

CAWNPORE, April 29 (A.P.I.): A two days' session of the sixth U. P. Sikh Conference commenced this morning with Master Tara Singh in the chair.

Sardar Inder Singh, Chairman of the Reception Committee, in his address accorded a warm reception to Master Tara Singh and other delegates. He dealt briefly with problems such as National Government at the Centre, Sapru Committee's recommendations and other Allied problems.

Master Tara Singh in the course of his presidential address asserted that the Sikhs wished to maintain their independent entity in the present condition.

The President added that as practical men they must face facts as they must arrive at a solution, however temporary it might be. "The world opinion is in favour on our liberty, he said and added, "we must take advantage of it today for no one could predict the future. It is said by the Government that there are two obstacles in the war for attainment of our liberty—the communal disunity and the British Government's treaties with the Indian Princes." As regards the first obstacle he said: "The responsibility is ours. The communal problem must be solved either with or without the help of the British Government." Master Tara Singh did not attach much importance to the second obstacle on the grounds that the Indian Princes were "puppets in the hands of the British Government."

The speaker said we must admit that the Muslims would not accept pure unadulterated nationalism for fear that that would mean Hindu rule in another garb. For similar reason, he added, the Sikhs would refuse to accept Muslim majority. His view was that an interim Government be formed with no single community ruling anywhere.

Referring to Desai-Liaquat Pact, the President said that it would have been much better if the power had been distributed between the Hindus and the Muslims instead of the Congress and the Muslim League. This drawback in the reported settlement might generate new complications. The Congress could not blow hot and cold in the same breath. If it claimed to be a national body, it should cease to act as the guardian of the Hindus interests.

Enumerating the recommendations of the Sapru Committee, Master Tara Singh expressed surprise as to why the Sapru Committee did not consider it necessary to state definitely that the statutory Muslim majority in the Punjab should be well balanced. If the Hindu majority in the Central Legislature could be done away with for the sake of the Muslims, why could not something be done for the Sikhs in the Punjab.

He characterised 'a minority commission' as recommended by Sapru Committee as a 'farce.'

Commenting upon the Sapru Committee's recommendations about the framing of the constitution of the country, Master Tara Singh said that that meant that the Sikhs should have to accept a constitution of which 120 members subscribed.

The Sapru Committee, he said, had completely ignored the interests of the Sikhs in the Army.

Finally he said the proposals with regard to the interests of the Sikhs in the U.P., Sind, North-West Frontier Province and other Provinces were not at all mentioned in the resolution of the Sapru Committee. But he hoped that something might have been said in the report of the Sub-Committee on Minorities adopted by the Sapru Committee.

No Sub-Letting Without Landlords' Permission

To elicit public opinion, the Government of Bombay, in December 1944, published a draft of a Bill to amend the Bombay Rent Restriction Act 1939, permitting sub-letting without the permission of the landlord in cases where the rent charged to a sub-tenant was not in excess of the standard rent. After careful consideration of the petitions received in connection with the draft Bill, the Government has decided not to proceed with the proposed legislation for the present.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET.

MADRAS, May 1.

Following are to-day's quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:—

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 35/12, Do. 84, India Sugar 31, South India 16/8, Travancore 14/8.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 13/13, Kalasa 13/13, Malankra 77/8, Manalur 6/2, Ouchteriony 9/5/6, Pullangodes 3, Valkundam 20/6, Vellamalai 30/4, Vellitam 34/10, Textiles Bangalore W. 455, B. and C. Ordy. 315, Balasubrahmania 108, Janardhana 103/8, Mettur 252, Vasantha 290.

MISCELLANEOUS: And Cement 119, Hind Trust 22, Ind. St. Roll 10, Mysore Chem. and Fert 23, Mettur Chem. 15/10, Do. Dfd. †/3, Singareni 20/12, Spencer 13/14.—A. P.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, May 1.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. Rates: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 303 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs 295 3/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange. Steady dull.

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CASE TRANSFERRED TO CITY COURT

Mr. Justice Chagla and Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar allowed an application for the transfer of the case pending in the court of the Resident Magistrate, First Class Andheri, to the file of the Court of the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, Esplanade, Bombay.

The case related to the abduction and kidnapping of a minor girl.

The ground for transfer of the case was one of convenience.

In giving judgment Mr. Justice Chagla said that Miss Shamdasani, counsel had told the Court that most of the witnesses in the case when in Bombay and that it would be extremely inconvenient both for the accused and the complainant to have the case tried at Andheri. The Assistant Government Pleader did not controvert these facts.

Their Lordships were therefore of the opinion that on the ground of convenience the case should be transferred to Bombay.

MADRID, April 30 (Reuter): Two Spanish journalists are leaving by air on Wednesday to visit German concentration camps on which they will report fully.

Little has appeared in the Spanish press on the camps though British sources have carried full accounts which have deeply shocked the public.

SAPRU COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolution Of The Deccan Sabha

At a meeting of the Council of the Deccan Sabha, Poona, held on Thursday last, the following resolution on the Sapru Committee's recommendations was adopted:—

(a) The Council of the Deccan Sabha, while expressing satisfaction at the fact that the Conciliating Committee does not favour a division of India into two or more independent States is firmly of the opinion that the price that it recommends the country to pay in order to prevent such division is much too high. The number of seats which the Committee allots permanently to Mussalmans in the Central Legislature is out of all proportion to their numerical strength and is grossly unjust to Hindus, who can never be expected to reconcile themselves to such an arrangement, and the arrangement itself cannot therefore be expected to conduce to harmony and peace.

(b) The organisation of the Central Government on a communal basis which the Committee recommends besides being equally unjust to the Hindus introduces for the first time the principle of communalism into the governmental sphere, and being destructive of the doctrines of democracy on which the future constitution must be based, cannot be accepted.

(c) In the constitution-making body the Committee gives a much larger representation to the Mussulmans than they would have obtained under the Cripps plan, or under any equitable arrangement that may be devised. But a more serious defect of the recommendation is that it requires a three-fourths majority in the constitution-making body so that the latter's decisions may have a binding character thus virtually giving a power of veto to the Mussulman representative in such matters. His Majesty's Government is called upon to take binding decisions which would defeat the very principle of self-determination which the Cripps plan offered to apply to India.

(d) In regard to the States, while accession to the Indian Union is not made obligatory on them as on the Muslim-majority provinces, the exercise of the rights of paramountcy is to be made subject to the concurrence of States' Advisers on certain matters not specified, which would make such exercise all but nugatory. Exercise of paramountcy being the only source of hope to the people in the States where popular Government does not prevail, cannot be allowed to be whittled away in the manner proposed.

(e) In view of these grave defects the Council is constrained to record its opinion that the Conciliation Committee's above recommendations (other recommendations were not considered by the Council) offer no solution either of the internal communal problem or the problem of the States or the problem of India's political relations with the British Government. The Council must therefore express its emphatic disapproval of this part of the recommendations.

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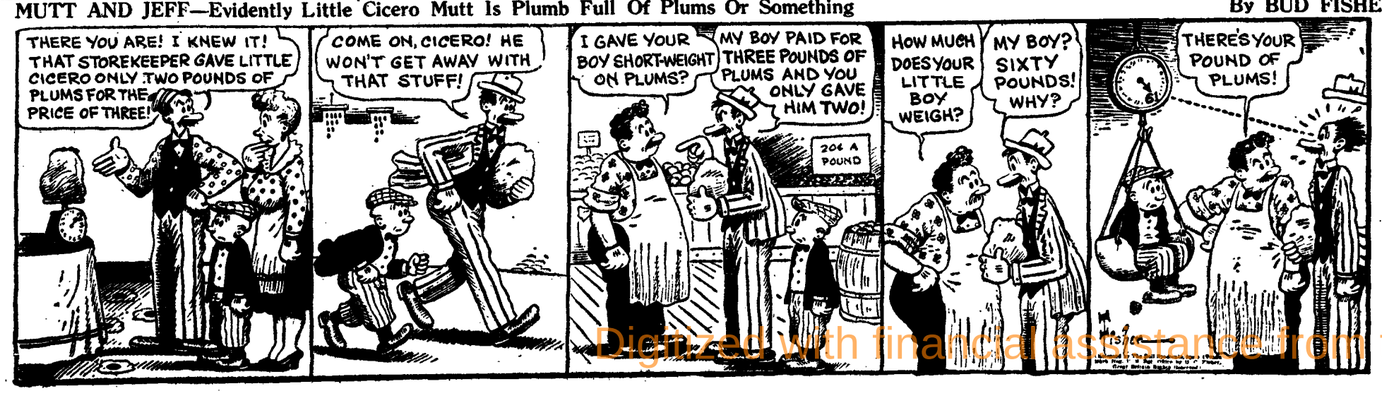
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For The Asian Assurance Co., Ltd.,
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NOTICE

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(Sd.) R. S. MANI
Export Trade Controller
New Custom House,
Bombay, 30-4-45.
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NOTIFICATIONS.

Finance Department (Supply).
Bombay Castle, 30th April, 1945.

No. C. R. 68.—In pursuance of clause 12 of the Bombay Rationing Order, 1943, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the City of Bombay Rationing Regulation, 1943, as follows, namely:

In the said regulation—

(1) To clause 9 the following new sub-clause shall be added, namely:

"(3) No manual labourer receiving rations under clause 16A shall obtain or cause to be obtained any rationed article on any supplementary ration card issued to him under this clause; if he holds such ration card he shall within ten days from the date of receipt of the rations under clause 16A surrender it for cancellation to the officer in charge of the nearest rationing office."

(2) Clause 16A shall be re-numbered as sub-clause (1) of the said clause and after sub-clause (1) so renumbered the following new sub-clause shall be added, namely:—

"(2) No person entitled to obtain supplementary rations under sub-clause (1) shall obtain or attempt to obtain or cause to be obtained for any week any rationed article from more than one employer specified in Schedule C or Schedule C appended to the Bombay Suburban District Rationing Regulation, 1943."

No. C. R. 59.—In pursuance of clause 12 of the Bombay Rationing Order, 1943, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Bombay Suburban District Rationing Regulation, 1943, as follows, namely:—

In the said regulation—

(1) To clause 17 the following new sub-clause shall be added, namely:—

(3) No manual labourer receiving rations under clause 27 shall obtain or cause to be obtained any rationed article on any supplementary ration card issued to him under this clause; if he holds such ration card he shall within ten days from the date of receipt of the rations under clause 27 surrender it for cancellation to the officer in charge of the nearest rationing office."

(2) Clause 27 shall be renumbered as sub-clause (1) of the said clause and after sub-clause (1) so renumbered the following new sub-clause shall be added, namely:—

"(2) No person entitled to obtain supplementary rations under sub-clause (1) shall obtain or attempt to obtain or cause to be obtained for any week any rationed article from more than one employer specified in Schedule C or Schedule C appended to the City of Bombay Rationing Regulation, 1943."

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
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Secretary to Government.
(3085)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

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2. The Regional Food Commissioner, White Lodge, Harrington Road, Chetput, Madras.	For all movements of Food Grains from and into Mysore, Coorg, Cochin and Travancore.
3. The Dy. Controller of Supplies, South India Circle, Madras.	For all movements in connection with orders placed by the Department of Supply and Munitions.
4. The Officer on Special Duty (Leather Distribution), Office of the Dy. Controller General of Civil Supplies, 31, Broadway, Madras.	For all movements in connection with the Tanning industry of the Province.
5. The Secretary, Board of Transport, Bombay.	For all civil requirements of the Bombay Presidency area served by the M.S.M., M.G. Section.
6. The Conservator of Forests, Bombay Presidency, Belgaum.	For all movements of timber, firewood and charcoal in the Bombay Presidency area served by the M.S.M. Railway.
7. The Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Mercara.	For movements to and from Coorg.
8. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Travancore, Huzur Cutcherry, Trivandrum.	For all civil Requirements of the Govt. of Travancore.
9. The Dewan of Cochin, Ernakulam.	For all civil requirements of the Government of Cochin.
10. The Forest Utilisation Officer, Timber Supply Circle, Mount Road, Madras.	For all movements of unwrought timber for civil and Military requirements.
11. The Member, Textile Control Board, Directorate of Cotton Textiles, c|o. M|s. Binny & Co.,(Madras) Ltd., Madras.	For all movements of textile requirements.
12. The Dy. Iron & Steel Controller Mount Road, Madras.	For all movements of iron and steel materials coming under the Iron and Steel (Movement by rail) Control order 1943, other than those to be dealt with by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and the Dy. Controller of Supplies.

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14. The Controller of Priorities for Rail-transport, (General Manager) Mysore State Railway, Mysore for all movements to destination in Mysore State served by the Mysore State Ry.
15. The State Controller of Railway Priorities (General Manager) H.E.H. The Nizam's State Railway, Secunderabad for all movements to any destination in Hyderabad State.

The movement of Coal and Coke is arranged direct by the Deputy Coal Commissioner (Distribution) No. 1, Council House Street, Calcutta. Regarding rebookings of small consignments of coal and coke upto 5 tons however the Dy. Coal Commissioner (Distribution) Calcutta has delegated his authority to the Director of Industries and Commerce (Provincial Coal Commissioner) Madras to arrange despatch from depots under his control to destinations on the M. G. section of the M. S. M. and S. I. Railways.

The movement of Cement from sources other than Cement Factories is controlled in the Madras Presidency by the Chief Engineer (General), Roads and Buildings, P.W.D. Chepauk, Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY
Office of the Controller of Supplies
Strand House Graham Road, Ballard Estate,
BOMBAY.

TENDER NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of the undermentioned stores:—

DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	LOCATION.
(a) Four wheeled bullock cart complete with equipment.	2 Nos.	Messrs. Chinoy Agencies Ltd., Meher Buildings, Chowpatty, Bombay.
(b) Four wheeled bullock cart chassis only.	3 Nos.	—do—

The stores can be inspected at site. Sale will be governed by conditions of Contract Con. 117. Tenders should be submitted to the Controller of Supplies (Disposals), Strand House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, so as to reach him on or before 4 P.M. on Thursday the 10th May 1945 in sealed covers superscribed 'Tender No. CS|SYD|644 due on 10-5-1945" Tenders should be open for acceptance upto 31-5-1945.

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NOTICE

THE BIENNIAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the BOMBAY SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS and the BAI SAKARBAI DINSHAW PETIT HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS, will be held on FRIDAY, the 11th of May, 1945, at 5 p.m. (S. T.), at the SOCIETY'S OFFICE, 2nd Floor Petit Building, 359 Hornby Road Fort, for the purpose of transacting the business that has been already circulated amongst the Members of the Society.

By order of the Executive Committee,
P. D. HAVEWALLA,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 2nd May, 1945.
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NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Mr. R. M. MEHRA has ceased to be in our employment from 1st May, 1945. Any one having dealings with him acting on our behalf will do so entirely at his own risk.

For and on behalf of
THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE CO., LTD.,
W. MILLARD,
General Manager.
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NOTICE

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the BOMBAY SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS and the BAI SAKARBAI DINSHAW PETIT HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS will be held on FRIDAY, the 11th of May, 1945, immediately after the completion of the Biennial Ordinary General Meeting of the Society and the Hospital at THE SOCIETY'S OFFICE, 2nd Floor, Petit Building, 359, Hornby Road, Fort, for the purpose of transacting the business that has been already circulated amongst the members of the Society.

By Order of the Executive Committee,
P. D. HAVEWALLA,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 2nd May 1945.
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NOTICE

OFFERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of
(a) Empty 1 Cwt. capacity tins and
(b) their Deal-wood cases—(a) intact and (b) loose planks.

For further information please apply immediately to:
The Controller of Government Grain Shops,
Council Hall, 2nd Floor, Bombay,
personally or in writing.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following posts in the Department of Fisheries:—

1. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS (Three posts)—Salary scale Rs. 100-5-200 plus C. L. A. in Bombay. Qualifications—M. Sc. in Zoology of Bombay University or any other recognised University.

2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT (One post)—Salary as above. Qualifications—M. Sc. with research in organic chemistry, preferably biochemistry.

3. RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (Two posts)—Salary scale Rs. 75-5-175 plus C. L. A. to those stationed in Bombay. Qualifications—B. Sc., with Zoology as Principal and Chemistry or Botany as Subsidiary subject.

4. RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (Two posts)—Salary as above. Qualifications—B. Sc., with Chemistry as Principal and Zoology as Subsidiary subject.

5. LABORATORY ASSISTANT (One post)—Salary scale Rs. 50-2-70. Qualifications—Up to Matriculation standard with laboratory experience.

6. SENIOR CLERKS—Salary scale Rs. 135-5-180. Qualifications—Graduates with a sound and ready knowledge of English, preference being given to those with office experience.

7. ACCOUNTANT—Salary scale Rs. 125-5-200. Qualifications—B. Com. with accounts or G. D. A. This condition may be waived in the case of such candidates as have an intimate working knowledge and experience of accounts work in Government Offices.

8. TYPIST—Salary scale Rs. 50-5|2-90-5-140. Qualifications—Matriculation of the Bombay University with a speed ranging from 45 to 50 words per minute. Higher starting salary might be given in the case of a deserving candidate.

9. HEAD MASTERS—Fisheries Schools—Salary scale Rs. 45-5-115-E.B.-5-145-6-175. Initial salary Rs. 75|-. Qualifications—B. Sc. with Zoology as Principal and Chemistry or Botany as Subsidiary subject.

All the aforesaid posts are temporary with prospects of subsequent permanancy.

Applications with copies of certificates of age, domicile, academic qualifications and practical experience should be addressed to the Director of Fisheries, old Custom House Yard, Bombay, to reach not later than 20th May 1945.

S. B. SETNA,
Director of Fisheries.
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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
Hydraulic Engineer's Department.
NOTICE

TENDERS accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 1,200|- for the supply of one Portable Chlorinator of 4 lbs. per hour capacity will be received upto 1 P. M. (Bombay Time) on Wednesday the 23rd May 1945.

2. Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the description of the tender.

3. Tenders must be brought duly sealed to the Municipal Office and delivered at the Chief Accountant's Office as directed above. Tenderers shall not be allowed to fill in or seal their tenders at the Chief Accountant's or any other Municipal Office.

4. No tenders will be accepted without the prescribed deposit being paid along with it.

5. No unsealed tender will be accepted.

6. The tenders and deposits should be brought to the Municipal Office separately but simultaneously on the same dates before 1 P.M. (Bombay Time). They will not be accepted on separate dates.

7. Forms of tender, specification, etc. will be issued on payment of Rs. 3|- to any one deputed to receive them by the Hydraulic Engineer who will on application give any further information that may be required.

8. In case of a firm the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

9. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

E. A. NADIRSHAH,
Hydraulic Engineer.
Hydraulic Engineer's Office,
Improvement Trust Building,
Napier Road, Fort,
Bombay, Dated 30-4-1945.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from European and Anglo-Indian candidates to fill the post of Inspector of European Schools, Bengal. The selected candidate will be appointed on agreement for five years in the first instance and he will be of Gazetted rank. Pay—If the selected candidate be of Asiatic domicile, initial pay according to age up to 35 will be in the Scale of Rs. 400|—1000|-. If he be of non-Asiatic domicile and recruited overseas, or of non-Asiatic domicile and though recruited in India, was originally recruited overseas, the initial pay on age basis up to 35 will be in the Scale of Rs. 550—1550. Allowances—The selected candidate will draw in addition to his pay, (a) a conveyance allowance of Rs. 75|- p. m. and (b) if he is of non-Asiatic domicile a house allowance on the same scale as that prescribed in the Calcutta House Allowance rules. The person appointed will be entitled to travelling allowance under the Bengal Service Rules or such other rules as may for the time being be in force. Qualification—(a) A first class M.A. or M.Sc. degree of an Indian University or a high honours degree in Arts or Science of a European or American University, and (b) a degree or diploma in education. He must have adequate experience of teaching in Secondary Schools; be conversant with modern educational movements and have capacity to influence by inspection the work done in educational institutions for European boys and girls. He must possess organising and administrative ability. Preference will be given to a candidate who possesses at least two years' experience of inspection work. Age—Between 25 and 40 years on the 1st April 1945. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 28th May, 1945.

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AUCTION SALES

SALE TO-DAY WEDNESDAY 2ND & TO-MORROW THURSDAY 3RD MAY 1945 AT 3 P.M. EACH DAY AT THE SALE ROOM OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

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On SUNDAY, the 6th May, 1945, at 11 a.m. (N.S.T.), at the premises of the School middle Versowa (known as four bungalow Versowa between Andheri Railway Station and upper Versowa).

Will be on view on Saturday the 5th May between 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cash will be required on knocking the lots to the buyers, and goods taken delivery of immediately after the close of the sale.

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